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DEVCD4 TourismOhio modifications

R.C. 122.07, 122.071, 122.072, 122.073, and 149.309

Renames the office within DEV responsible for promoting Ohio tourism, from TourismOhio to the State Marketing Office, and charges the Office with promoting not just tourism, but also "living, learning, and working" in Ohio.

Renames the existing TourismOhio Advisory Board as the State Marketing Advisory Board.

Renames the Tourism Fund to the State Marketing Fund (Fund 5MJ0) and specifies Fund 5MJ0 is to be used to defray the costs incurred by the State Marketing Office in promoting the state.

Fiscal effect: Expands the uses of Fund 5MJ0 for promoting Ohio.

DEVCD2 Individual Microcredential Assistance Program reimbursement

R.C. 122.1710

Increases the maximum reimbursement amount for microcredential training providers participating in DEV's Individual Microcredential Assistance Program (IMAP), from \$250,000 to \$500,000 per fiscal year.

Fiscal effect: Reimbursements under the IMAP program are provided under the TechCred Program. The bill appropriates \$25.2 million in both FY 2024 and FY 2025 under GRF ALI 195556, TechCred Program.

DEVCD3 Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program funding

R.C. 122.4017, 122.4037, and 122.4040

Requires gifts, grants, and contributions provided to the DEV Director for the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program to be deposited in the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Fund (Fund 5GT0).

Requires DEV to adopt grant application, scoring, or other requirements different from current law if they are a condition of using the gifts, grants, or contributions as described above. Requires DEV to post a description of any such differences on the department's website at least 30 days before the beginning of the program's application submission period.

Fiscal effect: Potentially increases revenue deposited into Fund 5GT0.

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DEVCD29 All Ohio Future Fund

R.C. 126.62, Section 259.30

Renames the Investing in Ohio Fund to the All Ohio Future Fund (Fund 5XM0) and expands the economic development purposes of the fund.

Authorizes the OBM Director to transfer cash to Fund 5XM0 from the following sources, under specified circumstances: (1) the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180); and (2) a portion or all of any deferred payments paid to the state under the JobsOhio liquor franchise agreement.

Allows the Controlling Board to exceed the limit on spending federal and nonfederal revenue to increase appropriation to Fund 5XM0, provided there is a sufficient balance in the fund to support the increase.

Requires the Controlling Board to release monies from Fund 5XM0 before they may be spent.

Fiscal effect: Increases revenue deposited into Fund 5XM0. The executive budget also transfers up to \$2.4 billion from the FY 2023 GRF ending balance to Fund 5XM0.

DEVCD5 Coal Research and Development Program

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 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.

DEVCD6 Minority Business Development

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195405, Minority Business Development, to support the activities of the Minority Business Development Division, including providing grants to local nonprofit organizations to support economic development activities that promote minority business development, in conjunction with local organizations funded through GRF ALI 195454, Small Business and Export Assistance.

DEVCD7 Business Development Services

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195415, Business Development Services, to be used for the operating expenses of the Office of Strategic Business Investments and the regional economic development offices.

Earmarks \$1,800,000 in each fiscal year for Development Projects, Inc. for various Department of Defense- and aerospace industry-related workforce economic development activities.

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DEVCD8 Housing Technical Assistance

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195420, Housing Technical Assistance, to be used to offer housing technical assistance grants to local governments seeking to modernize regulations and processes tied to local housing efforts.

Allows the grants to be used for updating housing-related zoning regulations, efforts to streamline government review or housing proposals, updating building permit software, and other innovative efforts to expedite housing proposals reviews.

DEVCD9 Redevelopment Assistance

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195426, Redevelopment Assistance, to be used to fund the costs of administering energy, redevelopment, and other revitalization programs that DEV may implement, and allows the ALI to be used to match federal grant funding.

DEVCD10 Technology Programs and Grants

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195453, Technology Programs and Grants, to be used for operating expenses incurred in administering the Ohio Third Frontier Programs and other technology focused programs that DEV may implement.

DEVCD11 Small Business and Export Assistance

Section: 259.20

Allows GRF ALI 195454, Small Business and Export Assistance, to be used to provide a range of business assistance, including grants to local organizations to support economic development activities that promote small business development, entrepreneurship, and exports of Ohio's goods and services, in conjunction with local organizations funded through GRF ALI 195405, Minority Business Development. Requires the ALI to also be used to match grants from the U.S. Small Business Administration and other federal agencies.

DEVCD12 Appalachia Assistance

Section: 259.20

(1) Allows GRF ALI 195455, Appalachia Assistance, to be used for (a) the administrative costs of planning and liaison activities for the Governor's Office of Appalachia; (b) financial assistance to projects in Ohio's Appalachian counties; (c) support of the four local development districts; (d) payment of dues for the Appalachian Regional Commission; and (e) match of federal funding received from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

(2) Requires that programs funded through the ALI be identified and recommended by the local development districts and approved by the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

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(3) Requires DEV to conduct compliance and regulatory review of the programs recommended by the local development districts, and allows moneys allocated under the ALI to be used to fund projects including those designated by the local development districts as community investment and rapid response projects.

(4) Earmarks \$170,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support four local development districts: (a) Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission; (b) Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association; (c) Buckeye Hills - Hocking Valley Regional Development District; and (d) Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Requires the districts receiving this funding to use the funds for the implementation and administration of programs and duties under the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

DEVCD13 CDBG Operating Match

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 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 BSD Federal Programs Match

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195499, BSD Federal Programs Match, to be used as matching state funds for grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program and Department of Defense APEX Accelerator Program, and other federal agencies. Requires the ALI to also be used for operating expenses of the Business Services Division.

DEVCD15 Local Development Projects

Section: 259.20

Makes the following earmarks of GRF ALI 195503, Local Development Projects:

- (1) \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio;
- (2) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Mayor's Partnership for Progress; and
- (3) \$300,000 in each fiscal year for the Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center and the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

DEVCD16 Industry Sector Partnerships

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195553, Industry Sector Partnerships, to be used for the Ohio Industry Sector Partnership Grant program.

DEVCD17 TechCred Program

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195556, TechCred Program, to be used for the TechCred Program and the Individual Microcredential Assistance Program.

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DEVCD18 General Obligation bond debt service payments

Section: 259.25

- (1) Requires GRF ALI 195901, Coal Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs in FY 2024 and FY 2025 for obligations issued to fund the Coal Research and Development Program.
- (2) Requires GRF ALI 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 2024 and FY 2025 for obligations issued to fund the Third Frontier Program.

DEVCD19 Minority Business Bonding Fund

Section: 259.30

- (1) Permits the DEV Director, upon the recommendation of the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board, to pledge up to \$10,000,000 in unclaimed funds in the biennium allocated to the Minority Business Bonding Program.
- (2) Permits any transfer of unclaimed funds from the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund to the Minority Bonding Fund (Fund 4490), but requires the transfer to occur only after proceeds of the initial transfer of \$2,700,000 authorized by CEB 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 ALI 195658, Minority Business Bonding Contingency, and appropriates such amounts.

DEVCD20 Business Assistance Program

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 4510 ALI 195649, Business Assistance Programs, to be used to cover the administrative expenses associated with the operation of loan incentives.

DEVCD21 State Special Projects

Section: 259.30

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 funding and to support programs of the Community Services Division and Business Services Division.

DEVCD22 Minority Business Enterprise Loan

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 4W10 ALI 195646, Minority Business Enterprise Loan, to be used for awards under the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program and to cover operating expenses of the Minority Business Development Division. Requires all repayments from the program to be credited to the Fund 4W10.

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DEVCD23 Broadband Development Grants

Section: 259.30

Reappropriates the available balance of Fund 5GT0 ALI 195550, Broadband Development Grants, at the end of FY 2023 and FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2024 and FY 2025.

DEVCD24 Advanced Energy Loan Programs

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5M50 ALI 195660, Advanced Energy Loan Programs, to 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. Allows the ALI to be used to match federal grant funding and to pay administrative costs of the program.

DEVCD25 Sports Events Grants

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5UY0 ALI 195496, Sports Events Grants, to be used for grants under the Ohio Sports Event Grant Program. Reappropriates the available balance, certified by the DEV Director, of Fund 5UY0 ALI 195496, Sports Events Grants, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

DEVCD26 Women Owned Business Loan

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5XH0 ALI 195632, Women Owned Business Loan, to be used to operate the Women Owned Business Loan Program.

DEVCD27 Minority Business Micro-Loan

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5XH0 ALI 195694, Micro-Loan, to be used to operate the Minority Business Micro-Loan Program.

DEVCD28 Transfer from the State Small Business Credit Initiative Fund to the MBD Financial Assistance Fund

Section: 259.30

Requires the DEV Director, upon the completion of the original Collateral Enhancement Program, to certify to the OBM Director the remaining cash balance in the State Small Business Credit Initiative Fund (Fund 3FJ0). Allows the OBM Director to transfer the certified amount from Fund 3FJ0 to the MBD Financial Assistance Fund (Fund 5XH0).

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DEVCD30 Brownfield Remediation

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5YE0 ALI 1956A2, Brownfield Remediation, to be used for grants under the Brownfield Remediation Program. Allows up to 2.5% of the ALI to be used for administrative costs of the program.

Reappropriates the certified, available balance of Fund 5YE0 ALI 1956A2, Brownfield Remediation, at the end of FY 2023 and FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2024 and FY 2025.

DEVCD31 Demolition and Site Revitalization

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5YF0 ALI 1956A3, Demolition and Site Revitalization, to be used for grants under the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program. Allows up to 2.5% of the ALI to be used for administrative costs of the program.

Reappropriates the certified, available balance of Fund 5YF0 ALI 1956A3, Demolition and Site Revitalization, at the end of FY 2023 and FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2024 and FY 2025.

DEVCD32 Innovation Hubs

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5ZK0 ALI 1956F8, Innovation Hubs, to be allocated to eligible innovation hubs as defined by DEV. Specifies innovation hubs located within an existing innovation district, as defined by DEV, are ineligible to receive funding under the ALI.

Permits funding awarded to innovation hubs under the ALI to be used for (1) capital expenses to establish an innovation hub near a research-oriented anchor institution, (2) recruiting or providing research and development opportunities within an innovation hub, or (3) creating new or preserving existing jobs and employment opportunities.

DEVCD33 Volume Cap Administration

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 6170 ALI 195654, Volume Cap Administration, to be used for expenses related to the administration of the Volume Cap Program, and requires that revenues received by the Volume Cap Administration Fund (Fund 6170) consists of application fees, forfeited deposits, and interest earned from the custodial account held by the TOS.

DEVCD46 All Ohio Future Fund

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5XM0 ALI 195576, All Ohio Future Fund, to be used for Fund 5XM0 purposes.

Requires the OBM Director to credit or transfer at least \$50,000,000 in each fiscal year of any deferred payments paid to the state under the JobsOhio liquor franchise agreement to Fund 5XM0.

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DEVCD34 Development Operations

Section: 259.40

Authorizes the DEV Director to assess DEV'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.

DEVCD35 Development Services Reimbursable Expenditures

Section: 259.40

Requires Fund 6850 ALI 195636, Development Services Reimbursable Expenditures, to be used for reimbursable costs. Specifies that revenues to the General Reimbursement Fund (Fund 6850) consist of moneys charged for administrative costs that are not central service costs and repayment of loans, including the interest thereon, made from the Water and Sewer Fund (Fund 4440).

DEVCD36 Capital Access Loan Program

Section: 259.50

Requires Fund 5S90 ALI 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.

Allows the OBM Director, with CEB approval, to transfer of up to \$2,000,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10) to the Capital Access Loan Fund (Fund 5S90).

DEVCD37 Innovation Ohio

Section: 259.50

Requires Fund 7009 ALI 195664, Innovation Ohio, to be used for Innovation Ohio Program loan guarantees and loans pursuant to the Innovation Ohio Loan Program.

DEVCD38 Transfers from the Innovation Ohio Loan Fund

Section: 259.50

Permits the OBM Director, with CEB approval, to transfer more than \$5,000,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Ohio Innovation Loan Fund (Fund 7009) to the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10).

Permits the OBM Director to transfer \$30,000,000 cash in FY 2024 from Fund 7009 to the Rural Industrial Park Loan Fund (Fund 4Z60).

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DEVCD39 Research and Development

Section: 259.50

Requires Fund 7010 ALI 195665, Research and Development, to be used for research and development purposes, including loans, pursuant to the Research and Development Loan Fund (Fund 7010).

DEVCD40 Facilities Establishment

Section: 259.50

(1) Requires Fund 7037 ALI 195615, Facilities Establishment, to be used for the purposes of the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund 7037) as established in the Revised Code.

(2) Permits CEB, in the biennium, to authorize expenditures, in excess of the amount appropriated under Fund 7037 for purposes consistent with the law governing economic development programs. Appropriates the authorized amounts.

(3) Allows the transfer of cash, with CEB approval, from Fund 7037, in the following amounts in each fiscal year: (a) up to \$3,500,000 to the Business Assistance Fund (Fund 4510); and (b) up to \$2,000,000 to the Capital Access Loan Fund (Fund 5S90).

DEVCD41 Third Frontier Operating Costs

Section: 259.60

Requires Fund 7011 ALI 195686, Third Frontier Tax Exempt – Operating, and Fund 7014 ALI 195620, Third Frontier Taxable – Operating, to be used for Third Frontier Program operating expenses incurred in administering projects under each fund.

DEVCD42 Third Frontier Research and Development taxable and tax exempt projects

Section: 259.60

Requires Fund 7011 ALI 195687 and Fund 7014 ALI 195692 to be used to fund selected projects, which may include internship programs. Specifies that eligible costs are the costs of the projects to which the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund (Fund 7011) and the Research and Development Taxable Bond Project Fund (Fund 7014) are to be applied.

Permits OBM to approve written requests from DEV for the transfer of appropriations between the two ALIs based upon Third Frontier Program awards recommended by the Third Frontier Commission.

Reappropriates, at the request of the DEV Director and approval of the OBM Director, an amount up to the available balance of the two ALIs at the end of FY 2023 to be used for the same purpose in FY 2024.

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DEVCD44 Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)

Section: 259.70

Requires Fund 3IF0 ALI 1956E4, Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD), be used to build infrastructure that supports the adoption of high-speed internet.

Reappropriates the available balance of Fund 3IF0 ALI 1956E4, Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD), at the end of FY 2023 and FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2024 and FY 2025.

DEVCD45 HEAP Weatherization

Section: 259.70

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

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OBMCD21 Transfers of Third Frontier appropriations

Section: 503.90

Permits the OBM Director to transfer appropriations between the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund (Fund 7011) and the Third Frontier Research and Development Taxable Bond Fund (Fund 7014) as necessary to maintain the exclusion from the calculation of gross income for federal income taxation purposes. Authorizes the OBM Director to create new appropriation items within Fund 7014 and make transfers of appropriations to Fund 7014 for projects that were originally funded in Fund 7011.

OBMCD36 Reappropriation of recovery and relief funds

Section: 505.80

Reappropriates the available balance of ALIs under the following recovery and relief funds, at the end of FY 2024 to the same ALI and for the same purposes in FY 2025: Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (Fund 3HQ0), CARES Act School Relief Fund (Fund 3HS0), Emergency Rental Assistance Fund (Fund 5CV2), State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund 5CV3), Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund 5CV4), Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (Fund 5CV5), and the Health and Human Services Fund (Fund 5SA4).

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OBMCD37 Transfers out of the GRF**Section: 512.10**

Provides for the OBM Director to make the following transfers out of the GRF:

- (1) Requires transfer of up to \$20,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the State Marketing Office Fund (Fund 5MJ0);
- (2) Requires transfer of \$3,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the Credit Score Cost Assistance Fund (Fund 5ZM0) and creates the fund;
- (3) Permits transfer of up to \$24,129,706 cash in each fiscal year to the Targeted Addiction Program Fund (Fund 5TZ0);
- (4) Requires transfer of up to \$5,000,000 cash in each fiscal year to the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq Compensation Fund (Fund 7041);
- (5) Requires transfer of \$40,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund (Fund 5BX0).
- (6) Permits transfer of up to \$600,000,000 cash in each fiscal year to the Foundation Funding - All Students Fund (Fund 5VS0);
- (7) Requires transfer of \$10,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the State Board of Education Licensure Fund (Fund 4L20);
- (8) Requires transfer of \$14,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0); States that the purpose of the transfer is support of need-based financial aid to students who are enrolled in an educational program for an in-demand job;
- (9) Requires transfer of up to \$4,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the Second Chance Grant Pilot Program Fund (Fund 5YD0);
- (10) Permits, upon request of the DAS Director, transfer of up to \$2,500,000 cash in each fiscal year to the Information Technology Development Fund (Fund 5LJ0); States purpose of transfer is to support the operations of the Office of InnovateOhio;
- (11) Requires transfer of \$6,600,000 cash in FY 2024 to the Professional Development Fund (Fund 5L70);
- (12) Requires transfer of \$511,000 cash in each fiscal year to the Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015);

Requires an amount of cash authorized by Section 529.10 of H.B. 687 of the 134th General Assembly to be transferred to support capital projects but not transferred as of June 30, 2023, to remain in the GRF.

OBMCD38 Fiscal year 2023 General Revenue Fund ending balance**Section: 513.10**

Requires the OBM Director to determine the GRF surplus revenue that existed on June 30, 2023, and transfer cash, up to the actual surplus revenue amount, from the GRF as follows:

- (1) Up to \$2,400,000,000 to the All Ohio Future Fund (Fund 5XM0);
- (2) Up to \$1,000,000,000 to the Health and Human Services Reserve Fund (Fund 5SA4);
- (3) Up to \$307,196,000 to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20);
- (4) Up to \$200,000,000 to the Career Technical Education Facilities Fund (Fund 5ZJ0);

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- (5) Up to \$190,000,000 to the EXPO 2050 Fund (Fund 5ZN0);
- (6) Up to \$150,000,000 to the Innovation Hubs Fund (Fund 5ZK0);
- (7) Up to \$140,000,000 to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750);
- (8) Up to \$125,000,000 to the Rail Safety Crossing Fund (Fund 5ZP0);
- (9) Up to \$65,000,000 to the Veterans Homes Modernization Fund (Fund 5ZO0);
- (10) Up to \$50,000,000 to the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0);
- (11) Up to \$50,000,000 to the Local Jail Grants Fund (Fund 5ZQ0);

Requires that the remaining amount of the surplus revenue remain in the GRF.

OBMCD41 Cash transfers and abolishment of funds

Section: 516.10

For purposes of abolishing various funds that are no longer needed, authorizes the OBM Director to carry out necessary accounting procedures, including transferring the remaining cash balances from the funds that are to be abolished, canceling existing encumbrances, and reestablishing those encumbrances against appropriate funds.

Lists the funds to be abolished, including funds used by: COM, DAS, DEV, OhioMHAS, ODPS, BEMC, OFCC, INS, ODJFS, OPD, and Ohio EPA.

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KIDCD1 Creation of the Department of Children and Youth

R.C. 5180.01, 121.02, 121.03, 121.35, 121.37, 121.40, 3109.15-3109.17, 3109.179, 5101.34-5101.342, 5180.02, Sections 130.10-103.16 and 423.140

Creates DCY on July 1, 2023, to serve as the state's primary children's services agency and establishes the position of DCY Director.

Requires DCY to facilitate and coordinate the delivery of children's services in Ohio.

Addresses the transfer of duties to DCY relating to children's services, including by doing the following:

(1) Requiring specified Directors (DCY, ODJFS, ODE, ODH, DODD, ODM, OhioMHAS, and DEV), or their designees, to identify and develop a plan to transfer children's services duties, functions, programs, and staff to DCY by January 1, 2025.

(2) Transferring to the new DCY 90 days after the bill's effective date responsibilities currently charged to ODJFS regarding the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council, the Children's Trust Fund Board, and the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

Requires the OBM Director to make budget and accounting changes to implement the transfer of duties, functions, and programs to DCY, including renaming, transferring, creating, and consolidating funds. Allows the OBM Director to also cancel or establish encumbrances and transfer appropriations between impacted agencies as necessary. Appropriates any encumbrances.

Fiscal effect: There will be administrative costs to develop a plan to facilitate this transfer. There will also be costs to establish the office (e.g. office space, supplies, etc.). Staff will be transferred from other impacted agencies, so associated personnel costs will instead be reflected in DCY's budget.

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Requires that Fund 5CV3 ALI 235687, Super RAPIDS, be used by the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) and the Chancellor to support collaborative projects among state institutions of higher education, OTCs, and other secondary and postsecondary education and workforce-related entities to strengthen education and training opportunities that maximize workforce development area in regions throughout the state.

Requires these funds be used to support efforts that build capacity, remove employment and training barriers for prospective and unemployed workers, develop and strengthen business-led strategies in the impacted industries, and provide local guided solutions to employment for communities in economic transition.

Requires the Chancellor and OWT to consult with DEV and other stakeholders as determined to be appropriate, to define Ohio regions and distribute these funds to those regions.

Permits a portion of the funds in each fiscal year to be used by OWT to meet urgent workforce development and job creation needs throughout the state.

Requires the Chancellor and OWT to develop and use a proposal and review process to award funds under the program, giving priority to proposals that demonstrate all of the following:

- (1) Clear compliance with all applicable state and federal rules and regulations;
- (2) Collaboration between and among state institutions of higher education, OTCs, and other education and appropriate workforce-related entities;
- (3) Evidence of meaningful business support and engagement;
- (4) Identification of targeted occupations and industries supported by data, which sources must include OWT, OhioMeansJobs, ODJFS labor market information, and lists of in-demand occupations;
- (5) Sustainability beyond the grant period with the opportunity to provide continued value and impact to the region; and
- (6) Evidence of a strong commitment to invest in one or more of the following areas: (a) broadband/5G, (b) cybersecurity, (c) health care, (d) transportation, (e) advanced manufacturing, and (f) trades.

BORCD82 Internship Pilot Program**Section: 381.620**

Requires that Fund 5CV3 ALI 235698, Internship Pilot Program, be used to support the Internship Pilot Program in a manner consistent with the following goals:

- (1) Connecting Ohio college and career technical students with Ohio-based employers to facilitate work-based learning opportunities, which may include internships, externships and co-ops; and

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(2) Retaining the highest possible number of college and career-technical students in Ohio post-graduation to contribute to Ohio's expanding economic opportunities.

Requires the Chancellor to develop the goals, structure, and parameters of the program, and in doing so, may consult with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, DEV, institutions of higher education, OTCs, Ohio employer organizations, and other appropriate stakeholders.

Requires the Chancellor, in allocating funds under this program, to consider at least the following factors:

- (1) Alignment with local, regional and statewide workforce needs, giving priority to internships, externships, and co-ops aligned to the most critical workforce needs;
- (2) The extent to which funds awarded will be leveraged to create sustainability and support programs and initiatives that can be maintained long-term with support from philanthropic and private sector partners;
- (3) Alignment with existing state programs that incentivize and support work-based learning opportunities, such as Choose Ohio First; and
- (4) Evidence-based approaches, giving priority to strategies that have produced documented success in:
 - (a) Connecting students with employers for meaningful work-based learning experiences;
 - (b) Retaining a higher number of graduates in-state for employment post-graduation; and
 - (c) Creating a sustainable network and infrastructure of public-private partners to provide lasting opportunities for work-based learning experiences.

Permits expenditures under the program to include support for: (1) internship, externship, and co-op participants; (2) career advising services; (3) grants to colleges, universities, and OTCs to support their programs; (4) grants to participating employers to defray costs of participating in the program; and (5) other expenditures determined permissible by the Chancellor.

Reappropriates the available balance of Fund 5CV3 ALI 235698, Internship Pilot Program, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

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LECCD1 Cash transfers to the Lake Erie Protection Fund

Section: 319.10

Permits the OBM Director to transfer up to \$25,000 in each fiscal year from each of the following funds to the Lake Erie Protection Fund (Fund 4C00):

- (a) Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0) used by Ohio EPA.
- (b) Pesticide, Fertilizer and Lime Fund (Fund 6690) used by AGR.
- (c) General Operations Fund (Fund 4700) used by ODH.
- (d) Central Support Indirect Chargeback Fund (Fund 1570) used by ODNR.
- (e) Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) used by ODOT.
- (f) Supportive Services Fund (Fund 1350) used by DEV.

Permits Fund 4C00 to accept contributions and transfers made to the fund.

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PUCCD1 Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) program

R.C. 4928.54, 4928.543, 4928.544, Repealed: 4928.542

Transfers the authority to aggregate Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) program customers for the purpose of a competitive procurement process for the supply of retail electric service for these customers from the DEV Director to PUCO and make this authority permissive instead of mandatory as under current law.

Requires PUCO to inform the DEV Director if PUCO decides to aggregate PIPP program customers and requires that to be done as soon as possible after the decision is made for the director's consideration of possible universal service rider adjustments allowed under ongoing law.

Specifies that the design for the competitive procurement process may include full or partial auctions of PIPP program customers to the extent necessary to transition these customers to the applicable standard service offer (SSO) for retail electric service.

Repeals the law requiring winning bids selected under a competitive procurement process that aggregates PIPP program customers to (1) be designed to provide reliable competitive retail electric service to PIPP customers, (2) reduce PIPP program costs relative to the otherwise applicable SSO, and (3) result in the best value for persons paying the universal service rider.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs for PUCO and potential decrease in costs for DEV, both likely minimal. Costs for both agencies for this purpose are reimbursed by the Universal Service Fund Rider, paid by electric consumers. Potential minimal change in costs of electricity for the state and local governments as ratepayers.

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Other Taxation Provisions

TAXCD37 Historic rehabilitation tax credit cap

R.C. 149.311

Increases, from \$60 million to \$120 million, the amount of historic building rehabilitation tax credits that may be awarded by the DEV Director in FY 2025. (The cap was previously increased to \$120 million for both FYs 2023 and 2024; it would revert to \$60 million in FY 2026.)

Fiscal effect: Reduction in state tax revenues up to \$60 million in FY 2025 only, with 96.68% of the revenue loss borne by the GRF under codified law. The refundable historic building rehabilitation tax credit may be claimed against the personal income tax, the financial institutions tax, the domestic insurance tax, and the foreign insurance tax. (The Tax Expenditure Report includes an estimate that under current law, i.e. without the increase proposed for FY 2025, the credit would result in a decline in the GRF revenue loss from \$104.7 million in each of FY 2023 and FY 2024 to \$52.4 million in FY 2025).