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DNRCD1 Performance Bond Refund Fund

R.C. 1501.16

Creates the Performance Bond Refund Fund, consisting of money received by ODNR from other entities as performance security. Disposes of money in the fund by refunding pledged amounts to the pledging entity once work for which the bond was required is completed or, for forfeited bonds, by transferring the forfeited amounts to appropriate funds in the state treasury.

DNRCD3 Regulation of stratigraphic wells and enforcement of Oil and Gas Law

R.C. 1509.051, 1509.01, 1509.03, and 1509.04

Establishes ODNR's regulatory authority over stratigraphic wells by establishing certain new requirements that are specific to stratigraphic wells, including (1) an authorization for a different permit application process, and (2) exempting those wells from certain requirements that apply to oil and gas wells, including the filing requirements for statements of production of oil, gas, and brine. (Stratigraphic wells are boreholes drilled solely to conduct research to determine the suitability of underground formations for the production of hydrocarbons, injection of CO2, injection of brine, and other similar purposes.)

Allows the Chief of Oil and Gas Resources to issue violation orders and take enforcement action against any person who violates the oil and gas laws instead of only well owners.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in fine revenue collected for violations of the Oil and Gas Law deposited to the credit of the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180).

DNRCD4 Issuance of resident hunting and fishing licenses to college students

R.C. 1531.01

Allows a full-time student who is enrolled in any accredited Ohio public or private college or university to obtain a resident hunting license, fishing license, deer permit, and wild turkey permit, regardless of residency.

Fiscal effect: Will depend on the effect this change has on demand for hunting and fishing licenses. Generally, the fee for a resident license or permit is cheaper than a nonresident license or permit. License fees are deposited to the credit of the Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015).

DNRCD2 Parks and Watercraft Federal Grants Fund

R.C. 1546.24

Creates the Parks and Watercraft Federal Grants Fund consisting of federal funds received by ODNR for the fund's purposes and any other money credited to the fund. Requires the money in the fund to be used for parks and watercraft projects approved by the ODNR Director.

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DNRCD7 Personal flotation device labeling

R.C. 1547.25

Eliminates a requirement that the label on an approved personal flotation device have a specified designation about appropriate use such as type 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 personal flotation device.

Fiscal effect: None.

DNRCD6 Requirements for fire extinguishers on watercraft

R.C. 1547.27

Does the following regarding the requirement to have fire extinguishers aboard powercraft in order to comply with U.S. Coast Guard regulations: (1) eliminates the exemption for powercraft propelled by an electric motor, and (2) adds that powercraft of open construction that are not carrying passengers are exempt from fire extinguisher requirements only if they are not capable of entrapping explosive or flammable gases or vapors.

Requires, with certain exceptions, 5-B and 20-B portable fire extinguishers on class A, 1, 2, or 3 powercraft, depending on the class, rather than B-1 or B-2 fire extinguishers, depending on the class.

Requires, with certain exceptions, class 4 powercraft to have the number and type of 20-B portable fire extinguishers specified by gross tonnage as prescribed by federal regulations.

Requires all portable and semi-portable fire extinguishers for use on a vessel to comply with specified requirements, including being of an approved type and being maintained in good and serviceable working order.

Fiscal effect: Minimal. Any change to fine revenue collected by ODNR for violations of these requirements is likely to be small.

DNRCD5 Obtaining a watercraft or outboard motor title

R.C. 1548.03

Increases the period of time a purchaser has to obtain a watercraft or outboard motor title from 30 days to 60 days.

Fiscal effect: None.

DNRCD10 Program Support Fund

Section: 343.20

Requires the ODNR Director to determine each ODNR division's payments into the Program Support Fund (Fund 1570) based on administrative ease and uniform application in compliance with federal grant requirements. Allows the Director to include direct cost charges for specific services provided.

Requires payments to Fund 1570 to be made using intrastate transfer voucher.

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DNRCD22 Subsidy for Direct and Indirect Costs of the Division of Wildlife

Section: 343.20

Requires GRF ALI 725401, Division of Wildlife-Operating Subsidy, to be used to cover the direct and indirect costs of the Division of Wildlife.

DNRCD11 Parks and Recreational Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments

Section: 343.20

Requires GRF ALI 725413, Parks and Recreational Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used during the biennium to make lease rental payments for parks and recreation facilities.

DNRCD12 Healthy Lake Erie Program

Section: 343.20

Requires GRF ALI 725505, Healthy Lake Erie Program, to be used in support of: (1) conservation measures in the Western Lake Erie Basin, (2) funding assistance for soil testing, winter cover crops, edge of field testing, tributary monitoring, animal waste abatement, and (3) any additional efforts to reduce nutrient runoff. Requires that the ODNR Director give priority to recommendations that encourage farmers to adopt 4R nutrient stewardship practices.

DNRCD13 Coal and Mine Safety Programs

Section: 343.20

Requires GRF ALI 725507, Coal and Mine Safety Program, to be used for the administration of the Mine Safety Program and the Coal Regulation Program.

DNRCD14 Special Projects

Section: 343.20

Earmarks \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year under GRF ALI 725520, Special Projects, to be used to expand Project Wild wildlife-based conservation and environmental education.

DNRCD15 Natural Resource General Obligation Bond Debt Service

Section: 343.20

Requires GRF ALI 725903, Natural Resources General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used during the biennium to pay all debt service and related financing costs on these bonds.

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DNRCD8 Cash transfers from the Oil and Gas Well Fund

Section: 343.25

Requires the OBM Director to transfer the following amounts of cash from the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180) in FY 2024: \$9,410,237 to the Parks and Watercraft Grants Fund (Fund 3IK0) and \$16,051,500 to the State Park Maintenance Fund (Fund 5TD0).

DNRCD26 Cash transfers from the Oil and Gas Well Fund

Section: 343.25

Requires the OBM Director to transfer \$9,410,237 from Fund 5180 to Fund 3IK0 and \$16,051,500 from Fund 5180 to Fund 5TD0 during FY 2024.

DNRCD16 H2Ohio Fund

Section: 343.30

Reappropriates an amount certified by the ODNR Director, up to available balance of Fund 6H20 ALI 725681, H2Ohio, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

DNRCD17 Well log filing fees

Section: 343.30

Requires the Chief of Water Resources to deposit well log filing fees forwarded to the Division into the Water Management Fund (Fund 5160).

DNRCD18 Parks Capital Expenses Fund

Section: 343.30

Requires the ODNR Director to submit to the OBM Director the estimated design, engineering, and planning costs of capital related work to be done by ODNR staff for parks projects within the Ohio Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund (Fund 7035). Permits the ODNR Director, if OBM approves the estimated costs, to release appropriations from Fund 7035 ALI C725E6, Project Planning, for those purposes. Requires ODNR to pay for these expenses from the Parks Capital Expenses Fund (Fund 2270), and requires expenses paid from Fund 2270 to be reimbursed by Fund 7035.

DNRCD19 NatureWorks Capital Expenses Fund

Section: 343.30

Requires ODNR to submit to the OBM Director the estimated design, planning, and engineering costs of capital related work to be done by ODNR staff for each capital improvement project within the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund (Fund 7031). Permits the ODNR Director, if OBM approves the estimated costs, to release appropriations from Fund 7031 ALI C725E5, Project Planning, for those purposes. Requires ODNR to pay for these expenses from the Capital Expenses Fund (Fund 4S90), and requires expenses paid from Fund 4S90 to be reimbursed by Fund 7031.

Executive**DNRCD20 Park Maintenance****Section: 343.30**

Requires that Fund 5TD0 ALI 725514, Park Maintenance, be used to pay the costs of projects supported by the State Park Maintenance Fund (Fund 5TD0). Requires the ODNR Director, in each fiscal year, to certify the amount of 5% of the average of the previous five years of deposits in the State Park Fund (Fund 5120) to the OBM Director. Allows the OBM Director to transfer up to \$1,800,000 cash each fiscal year from Fund 5120 to Fund 5TD0.

DNRCD21 Clean Ohio Trail Operating Expenses**Section: 343.50**

Requires that Fund 7061 ALI 725405, Clean Ohio Trail Operating, be used to administer Clean Ohio Trail Fund (Fund 7061) projects.

DNRCD9 DNR administration of certain capital projects**Section: 343.60**

Allows ODNR, during the biennium, to administer, without the assistance of the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), the following projects: dam repairs, projects or improvements administered by the Division of Parks and Watercraft, and ODNR's road maintenance projects.

Requires ODNR to comply with the applicable procedures and guidelines established in the law governing public improvements and track all project information in the OAKS capital improvement application pursuant to OFCC guidelines.

Fiscal effect: ODNR would likely experience some administrative cost savings by managing the specified capital projects internally.

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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.
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Executive**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.

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GOVCD3 Electronic notification, meeting, and data storage law changes

R.C. 127.15, 173.03, 753.19, 1121.38, 1509.06, 1513.071, 1513.08, 1513.16, 1565.12, 1571.05, 1571.08, 1571.10, 1571.14, 1571.15, 1571.16, 1707.02, 1707.04, 1707.042, 1707.091, 1707.11, 1707.43, 1733.16, 2941.401, 3111.23, 3301.05, 3302.04, 3310.521, 3313.41, 3313.818, 3314.21, 3319.081, 3319.11, 3319.16, 3319.291, 3319.311, 3321.13, 3321.21, 3704.03, 3734.02, 3734.021, 3734.575, 3746.09, 3752.11, 3772.031, 3772.04, 3772.11, 3772.12, 3772.13, 3772.131, 3781.08, 3781.11, 3781.25, 3781.29, 3781.342, 3904.08, 4121.19, 4123.512, 4123.52, 4125.03, 4141.09, 4141.47, 4167.10, 4301.17, 4301.30, 4303.24, 4507.081, 4508.021, 4509.101, 4510.03, 4510.41, 4735.13, 4735.14, 5107.161, 5120.14, 5165.193, 5165.86, 5166.303, 5168.08, 5168.22, 5168.23, 5525.01, 5703.37, 5709.83, 5736.041, 5751.40, 1509.031, 3745.019, Repealed: R.C. 5123.195

Implements a 2020 initiative of the Common Sense Initiative to make changes throughout the Revised Code to partly reflect the advancements in technology related to notifications, meetings, data storage, and certain other government functions. (For more detailed analysis of these changes, please see the Electronic Notification and Meetings section (pages 311-338) of the LSC Bill Analysis for H.B. 33.)

Makes specific changes, including removal of obsolete provisions, to facilitate the use of electronic communications, including websites, in the daily operations for the following entities: CAC, COM, DODD, ODE, Ohio EPA, INS, ODJFS, ODPS, PUCO, TAX, ODOT, and ODWIS.

Modifies the type of communication media through which a required notice of events or services may be made by generally adding the option of electronic, including email, delivery or mail delivery by a commercial/common carrier and removing the outdated telegraph method for the following entities: CEB, CAC, COM, ODE, Ohio EPA, ODJFS, ODM, ODNR, PUCO, DRC, ODWIS, and municipalities.

Permits meeting via electronic means, instead of in-person meetings, on specified matters provided that the meetings still allow for interactive public attendance for the following entities: Ohio Advisory Council for the Aging, Internet- or computer-based community schools, school districts or other public schools, ODPS-Register of Motor Vehicles, counties, townships, and municipalities.

Permits or requires the establishment of electronic means of submission for such services as licensure, approvals, and other by the following entities: ODNR’s Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, school districts, ODE, solid waste management districts, and courts of record.

Modifies or removes references related to creating or retaining stenographic records of certain proceedings for the following entities: COM, ODNR, ODE, school districts, Ohio EPA, and ODWIS.

Fiscal effect: TAX has estimated savings of approximately \$3.4 million per year for the agency. Ohio EPA has estimated annual savings of over \$750,000. Other affected state agencies will also likely realize some administrative cost savings as will affected local governments.

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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.
