

Controlling Board			Main Operating Appropriations Bill H.B. 96
Executive	As Passed By House	As Passed By Senate	As Reported By Conference Committee
CEBCD4	Controlling Board approval for online subscriptions		
	R.C. 125.052		R.C. 125.052
No provision.	Requires any online subscription purchased by a state agency, which in the aggregate exceeds \$500 during the fiscal year, to be subject to CEB approval.	No provision.	Same as the House, but only applies to online subscriptions for a news periodical or access to a news website that is not headquartered in Ohio.
No provision.	Excludes the General Assembly and any legislative agency from this requirement. Fiscal effect: Increases in administrative costs for state agencies to prepare CEB requests and meeting attendance and for CEB to review the requests.	No provision.	Same as the House, but also excludes the Governor. Fiscal effect: Same as the House.
CEBCD3	Release of funds for capital projects		
R.C. 126.14, 123.211, 126.141, 3333.071, 5123.36			
Removes the requirement that CEB or the OBM Director release money appropriated to state agencies for capital projects and related procedures associated with approval of capital expenditures. Fiscal effect: Slight decrease in administrative costs for state agencies with capital appropriations and the CEB because there will be a lower volume of requests to review and prepare for CEB approval.	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.
CEBCD7	Controlling Board - general and specific projects		
		R.C. 126.14	
No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates current law provisions that do all of the following:	No provision.

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(1) No provision.	(1) No provision.	(1) Allow the OBM Director to approve the release of money appropriated for specific projects.	(1) No provision.
(2) No provision.	(2) No provision.	(2) Require the OBM Director determine which appropriations are for general projects and which are for specific projects within 60 days after the effective date of any act appropriating money for capital projects and following this determination, submit to the CEB a list that includes a brief description of and the estimated expenditures for each specific project.	(2) No provision.
(3) No provision.	(3) No provision.	(3) Allow the OBM Director to create new appropriation items and make transfers of appropriations for specific higher education projects for basic renovations in certain circumstances. Fiscal effect: Minimal.	(3) No provision.
CEBCD5 Controlling Board technical correction			
No provision.	R.C. 127.12 Adds a division indicator before a paragraph in the statute creating the CEB (technical amendment). Fiscal effect: None.	R.C. 127.12 Same as the House. Fiscal effect: Same as the House.	R.C. 127.12 Same as the House. Fiscal effect: Same as the House.

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CEBCD6 Controlling Board agenda			
No provision.	No provision.	R.C. 127.13, Section 820.80 Increases the number of days that the CEB President must publish the Board's meeting agenda before each meeting, from seven to ten, and makes the change effective January 1, 2026. Fiscal effect: Minimal.	R.C. 127.13, Section 820.80 Same as the Senate. Fiscal effect: Same as the Senate.
CEBCD8 Controlling Board - approval of additional revenue			
No provision.	No provision.	R.C. 131.35 Modifies the CEB's authority to approve spending of additional or excess revenue by permitting the Board to approve up to \$100 million of additional spending per fiscal year for a specific or related purpose or item instead of an amount up to 0.5% of the GRF appropriation for that fiscal year. Fiscal effect: Minimal.	R.C. 131.35 Same as the Senate. Fiscal effect: Same as the Senate.
CEBCD1 Federal share			
Section: 247.20 Requires CEB, in transferring appropriations to and from ALIs that have federal shares, to adjust the corresponding amounts of federal matching funds at the percentages indicated by the state and federal division of the ALIs, and appropriates these changes.	Section: 247.20 Same as the Executive.	Section: 247.20 Same as the Executive.	Section: 247.20 Same as the Executive.

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FCCCD12

Controlling Board exemption

R.C.

123.21

Exempts from CEB approval competitively bid contracts made by OFCC for the following services: construction management services, professional design services, criteria architect or engineer services, design-build services, and newly created integrated project delivery services (see FCCCD11).	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.
Fiscal effect: Reduces OFCC’s administrative workload and may reduce, by several weeks, the timeline for certain projects.			

FCCCD13

Indefinite delivery indefinite quantity contracts

R.C.

153.013

Permits a public authority to enter into an indefinite delivery indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract, which is a contract for an indefinite quantity, within stated limits, of supplies or services that will be delivered by the awarded bidder over a defined period, without CEB approval if the contract is (1) with a prequalified vendor, (2) awarded through a competitive bidding process, and (3) does not exceed \$1.0 million.	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.
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<p>Permits OFCC to establish a list of prequalified vendors for IDIQ contracts and requires OFCC to adopt rules that establish objective prequalification criteria for vendors, a process for public authorities to use the list of pre-qualified vendors, and the form, terms, and conditions of IDIQ contracts.</p> <p>Fiscal effect: May reduce the administrative workload for public authorities and the timeline for projects with total costs of \$1.0 million or less.</p>	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.

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BORCD96 Fiscal integrity of state institutions of higher education			
R.C. 3345.79	R.C. 3345.79		
Makes the following declarations:	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	No provision.
(1) Requiring the fiscal integrity of state institutions is the public policy and a public purpose of the state;	(1) Same as the Executive.	(1) No provision.	(1) No provision.
(2) The intent of the General Assembly to enact procedures, provide powers, and impose restrictions to assure fiscal integrity of state universities; and	(2) No provision.	(2) No provision.	(2) No provision.
(3) The failure of a state institution to meet its financial obligations adversely affects the health, safety, and welfare of students and other people of the state.	(3) Same as the Executive.	(3) No provision.	(3) No provision.
Permits the Chancellor to make recommendations, and the Controlling Board to grant money from the catastrophic expenditures account to any state institution that suffers an unforeseen catastrophic event that severely depletes the institution's financial resources.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	No provision.
Fiscal effect: Expenditures made from the Controlling Board's Fund 5KM0 ALI 911614, Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies, may increase depending on the number of state institutions receiving moneys under this condition. The bill appropriates \$25 million in each fiscal year from ALI 911614.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		

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BORCD31 SSI for fiscal years 2026 and 2027

Section: 381.250

Makes the following earmarks to GRF ALI 235501, State Share of Instruction:

(1) Up to \$100,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to state institutions of higher education according to a formula devised by the Chancellor based on employment and wage outcomes of the graduates of each institution, using data from the U.S. Census Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) project. Requires the formula to use as factors the employment and earnings by the graduates of each institution, measured at the two-digit level of the Classification of Instructional Programs codes by the National Center for Education Statistics.

(2) Up to \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year be distributed to state institutions of higher education according to a formula devised by the Chancellor that provides funding bonuses of \$10,000 per graduate for technician-aligned associate degrees, as determined by OWT, that are produced above a historical baseline of institutional production, as calculated by the Chancellor.

Section: 381.250

Same as the Executive, but makes the following changes:

(1) Same as the Executive, but replaces the employment and wage outcomes-based distribution method with a tiered one that favors retention-based outcomes based on factors, including, but not limited to, the number of graduates employed by an Ohio-based employer and employment outcomes of the graduates of each college and university. Prioritizes, using data from the U.S. Census Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes project, graduates who are residents of the state and employed by an Ohio-based employer, followed by graduates who are employed by an Ohio-based employer but are not residents of the state and employment outcomes of the graduates of each institution.

(2) Same as the Executive, but requires the Chancellor, in developing a formula for distribution of this earmark, to give priority to retention-based outcomes and count only graduates who are employed by an Ohio-based employer.

Section: 381.250

Same as the House, but makes the following changes:

(1) Same as the House.

(2) Same as the House.

Section: 381.250

Same as the Senate, but makes the following changes:

(1) Same as the House.

(2) Same as the House.

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Requires that for each of the earmarks in (1) and (2) that 76.8% of the set-aside be distributed to public universities and regional campuses and 23.2% be distributed to community colleges.	Same as the Executive, but removes the institutional sector percentage distribution for the earmark in (2).	Same as the House.	Same as the House.
(3) No provision.	(3) No provision.	(3) \$8,500,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to The Ohio State University to support the Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society.	(3) Same as the Senate.
(4) No provision.	(4) No provision.	(4) \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to the University of Toledo to support the Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership.	(4) Same as the Senate.
(5) No provision.	(5) No provision.	(5) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Miami University to support a center for civics, culture, and society.	(5) Same as the Senate.
(6) No provision.	(6) No provision.	(6) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Cleveland State University to support a center for civics, culture, and society.	(6) Same as the Senate.
(7) No provision.	(7) No provision.	(7) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Wright State University to support a center for civics, culture, and workforce development.	(7) Same as the Senate.

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(8) The remainder to be distributed through the traditional SSI formula, with (A) 76.8% of the total remaining allocation under ALI 235501 distributed to public universities and regional campuses and (B) 23.2% distributed to community colleges. Permits any institution that receives additional SSI subsidy from this set-aside compared to the prior year to use the additional distribution to provide need-based aid and counseling, support services, and workforce preparation services to its students.	(8) Same as the Executive.	(8) Same as the Executive, but makes the following earmark and redistributions under (A) and (B), respectively:	(8) Same as the Senate.
(A) No provision.	(A) No provision.	(A) Earmarks \$100,000,000 in FY 2027 of the traditional SSI formula for universities under the remainder amount from ALI 235501 to be distributed based on each university's percent share of the traditional SSI formula for universities.	(A) Same as the Senate, but reduces the earmark to \$75,000,000 in FY 2027.

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No provision.	No provision.	Prohibits the Chancellor from distributing funds from this earmark to a state university unless the university has fully complied with the following provisions of S.B. 1 of the 136th G.A. in the prior fiscal year: (1) completion of required trustee training provided by the Chancellor; (2) syllabus posting requirements; (3) incorporating specified statements into a statement of commitment; (4) adopting a policy containing specified requirements and prohibitions regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), intellectual diversity, and other concepts; (5) developing an American civic literacy course and requiring completion of the course beginning with students graduating in the spring semester of the 2029-2030 academic year; (6) establishing a written system of faculty evaluations; (7) adopting and periodically updating a post-tenure review policy; and (8) a prohibition on accepting gifts or donations from the People's Republic of China and other related prohibitions and requirements.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Requires each state university, by March 1, 2026, to submit a report demonstrating compliance with the above. Requires the House and Senate higher education committees, by March 31, 2026, to each determine whether a state university is in full compliance with the above and report that determination to OBM.	Same as the Senate.

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No provision.	No provision.	Requires CEB to consider the release of the earmarked FY 2027 funds only for compliant universities. Subjects the release of funds to CEB approval. Requires the earmarked FY 2027 funds to be distributed to compliant universities in monthly payments in the same manner as other SSI funds. Requires the Chancellor to reduce SSI payments for universities found noncompliant by the amount of the earmarked FY 2027 funds calculated for that university.	Same as the Senate.
(B) No provision.	(B) No provision.	(B) Redistributes the amount calculated for Eastern Gateway Community College under the traditional SSI formula for community colleges from the remainder amount from ALI 235501 as follows: (1) up to \$2,900,000 in FY 2026 for final close out costs of the college; (2) up to \$2,500,000 in FY 2026 to reimburse the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0); and (3) the remainder in each fiscal year to remain in the GRF.	(B) Same as the Senate.

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JFSCD28 Temporary transfer to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administrative Fund			
Section: 515.30	Section: 515.30	Section: 307.119	Section: 307.119
Permits the OBM Director to transfer up to \$15,000,000 in FY 2026 from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administrative Fund (Fund 4A90) to pay the costs of building and developing a new unemployment insurance information technology system.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive, but permits, instead, the OBM Director to transfer up to \$15,000,000 in FY 2026 from any fund used by ODJFS, other than General Revenue Funds, to Fund 4A90 to pay these costs.	Same as the Senate.
Requires the OBM Director, before the end of FY 2027, upon the request of the ODJFS Director, to transfer cash equal to the amount previously transferred to Fund 4A90 (from Fund 5KM0 in FY 2026) from Fund 4A90 back to Fund 5KM0.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive, but requires the cash to be transferred back to the fund selected above instead of Fund 5KM0.	Same as the Senate.