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JSCCD19 Payment for acting judges			
No provision.	No provision.	R.C. 1901.123, 1907.143 Removes the requirement that county or municipal courts submit quarterly requests to the Ohio Supreme Court for reimbursements of per diem compensation paid to acting judges. Fiscal effect: Minimal.	R.C. 1901.123, 1907.143 Same as the Senate. Fiscal effect: Same as the Senate.
JSCCD18 Courts - special projects funds			
No provision.	No provision.	R.C. 1901.26, 1907.24, 2303.201, and 2501.16 Prohibits special projects fees collected by municipal, county, common pleas, and appeals courts from being used for training or education that takes place outside of the state. Fiscal effect: None.	R.C. 1901.26, 1907.24, 2303.201, and 2501.16 Same as the Senate. Fiscal effect: Same as the Senate.
JSCCD20 Municipal court clerks - pay			
No provision.	No provision.	R.C. 1901.31, Section 719.10 Requires elected municipal court clerks to be paid using the current law schedule for clerks of common pleas courts, according to the population of the court, beginning when a new term begins. Fiscal effect: Potential increase in municipal expenditures for court clerk salary increases dependent on population.	No provision.

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JSCCD12 Sealing juvenile court records R.C. 2151.356 Implements a balancing test that allows the juvenile court to seal any records pertaining to a juvenile if the court, after weighing the interests of the person in having the records sealed against the legitimate needs, if any, of the public to access those records, finds that the interests of a person in having the records sealed are not outweighed by any legitimate needs of the public to access those records.	R.C. 2151.356 Replaces the Executive with a balancing test for sealing that applies only if (1) a complaint is filed against a delinquent child, an unruly child, or a juvenile traffic offender and the court dismisses the complaint, or finds the person to not be a delinquent child, an unruly child, or a juvenile traffic offender; or (2) a person has been adjudicated an unruly child and is 18 years or older is not under the jurisdiction of the court in relation to a complaint alleging the person to be a delinquent child; and requires that the interests of a person in having the records sealed are not substantially outweighed by any legitimate governmental needs to maintain those records.	No provision.	R.C. 2151.356 Same as the House, but requires that the harm to the person in having the records pertaining to the case disclosed is not outweighed by the potential benefits to the public in having access to those records.
Fiscal effect: Minimal.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
JSCCD14 Criminal and probate dockets No provision.	R.C. 2303.12 Requires the clerk of courts to make criminal and probate dockets available online. Fiscal effect: Increased administrative expenses to any clerk of courts office that does not currently make criminal and probate dockets available online.	R.C. 2303.12, 2101.11 Same as the House, but states that the general docket of the probate court be made available on the clerk of court's website not later than 18 months after the bill's effective date. Fiscal effect: Same as the House.	R.C. 2303.12, 2101.11 Same as the Senate. Fiscal effect: Same as the House.

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JSCCD17 Reduce fees for computerization fund			
	R.C. 2303.201	R.C. 2303.201	R.C. 2303.201
No provision.	Reduces current law fees that the clerk of courts is permitted to charge for the efficient operation of the court when additional funds are required to computerize the court, to make available computerized legal research services, or to do both, when a court of common pleas fails to make civil dockets available online as follows:	Same as the House.	Same as the House.
No provision.	(a) The fee for filing certain causes of action or appeal from up to \$6 to up to \$3.	(a) Same as the House.	(a) Same as the House.
No provision.	(b) The fee for filing certain causes of action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or modify a judgment from up to \$20 to up to \$10.	(b) Same as the House.	(b) Same as the House.
No provision.	(c) The fee for other services from up to \$1 to up to \$.50	(c) Same as the House.	(c) Same as the House.
No provision.	Delays the effective date of this provision for six months after the bill's 90-day effective date.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.
	Fiscal effect: Potential reduction in fee revenue deposited to the county treasurer for any clerk of courts that charges these fees for a court of common pleas which does not make civil dockets available online.	Fiscal effect: Same as the House.	Fiscal effect: Same as the House.

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JSCCD15	Clerk of the court of common pleas	R.C. 2303.26	R.C. 2303.26	R.C. 2303.26	
		No provision.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.	
		Fiscal effect: None.	Fiscal effect: Same as the House.	Fiscal effect: Same as the House.	
JSCCD16	Alford pleas	R.C. 2929.12, 2929.15 and 2929.25			
		No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	
		Fiscal effect: None.			
JSCCD13	Sealing and expungement	R.C. 2953.32		R.C. 2953.32	
		Removes a reference to the statute allowing sealing and expunging of official records in which a person is found not guilty, proceedings are dismissed, a grand jury no bill is entered, or a pardon is granted, from the statute listing conviction records that cannot be sealed or expunged.	No provision.	Same as the Executive.	
		Fiscal effect: None.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	

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<div>JSCCD1State Criminal Sentencing Commission</div> <div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Requires GRF ALI 005401, State Criminal Sentencing Commission, to be used for the operation of the State Criminal Sentencing Commission.</div>	<div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Same as the Executive.</div>	<div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Same as the Executive.</div>	<div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Same as the Executive.</div>
<div>JSCCD2Law-Related Education</div> <div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Earmarks \$250,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 005406, Law-Related Education, to be distributed directly to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education to provide continuing citizenship education activities to primary and secondary students, expand delinquency prevention programs, increase activities for at-risk youth, and access additional public and private money for new programs.</div>	<div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Same as the Executive.</div>	<div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Same as the Executive.</div>	<div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Same as the Executive.</div>
<div>JSCCD3Ohio Courts Technology Initiative</div> <div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Requires GRF ALI 005409, Ohio Courts Technology Initiative, to be used to fund an initiative by the Supreme Court to facilitate: (a) Exchange of information and warehousing of data by and between courts and other justice system partners through the maintenance of an Ohio Courts Network.</div>	<div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Same as the Executive. (a) Same as the Executive.</div>	<div>Section: 317.20</div> <div>Same as the Executive. (a) Same as the Executive.</div>	<div>No provision. (See AGOCD42.) (a) No provision.</div>

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(b) Delivery of technology services to courts statewide, including the provision of hardware, software, and the development and implementation of educational and training programs for judges and court personnel.	(b) Same as the Executive.	(b) No provision.	(b) No provision.
(c) Operation of the Commission on Technology and the Courts for the promulgation of statewide rules, policies, and uniform standards, and to aid in the orderly adoption and comprehensive use of technology in Ohio courts.	(c) Same as the Executive.	(c) No provision.	(c) No provision.
No provision.	Makes elected and appointed clerks of the courts of common pleas, in addition to Ohio courts, eligible for grant funding under the Ohio Courts Technology Initiative.	No provision.	No provision.
JSCCD4 Attorney Services			
Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20
Requires the Attorney Registration Fund (Fund 4C80) consist of money received by the Supreme Court pursuant to the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Permits Fund 4C80 ALI 005605, Attorney Services, in addition to funding other activities considered appropriate by the Supreme Court, to be used to compensate employees and to fund appropriate activities of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, the Clients' Security Fund, and the Attorney Services Division including the Office of Bar Admissions.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Prohibits the OBM Director or CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 4C80 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 4C80 to be credited to the fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
JSCCD5 Court Interpreter Certification			
Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20
Requires the Court Interpreter Certification Fund (Fund 5HT0) consist of money received by the Supreme Court pursuant to Rules 80 through 87 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires Fund 5HT0 ALI 005617, Court Interpreter Certification, to be used to provide training, to provide the written examination, and to pay language experts to rate, or grade, the oral examinations of those applying to become certified court interpreters.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5HT0 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5HT0 to be credited to the fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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JSCCD6 Civil Justice Grant Program			
Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20
Requires the Civil Justice Program Fund (Fund 5SP0) consist of \$50 voluntary donations made as part of the biennium attorney registration process, and \$150 of the pro hac vice fees for out-of-state attorneys pursuant to Government of the Bar Rules amendments.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires Fund 5SP0 ALI 005626, Civil Justice Grant Program, to be used for grants to not-for-profit organizations and agencies dedicated to providing civil legal aid to underserved populations, to fund innovative programs directed at this purpose, and to increase access to judicial services to that population.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5SP0 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5SP0 to be credited to the fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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JSCCD7	Grants and Awards		
Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20
Requires the Grants and Awards Fund (Fund 5T80) consist of grants and other money awarded to the Supreme Court by the State Justice Institute, the Division of Criminal Justice Services, or other entities, and that the grant or award be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the grant or award.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5T80 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires any interest earned on money in the fund to be transferred or credited to the GRF.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
JSCCD8	Judiciary/Supreme Court Education		
Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20
Requires the Judiciary/Supreme Court Education Fund (Fund 6720) consist of fees paid for attending judicial and public education on the law, reimbursement of costs for judicial and public education on the law, and other gifts and grants received for the purpose of judicial and public education on the law.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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Requires Fund 6720 ALI 005601, Judiciary/Supreme Court Education, to be used to pay expenses for judicial education courses for judges, court personnel, and those who serve the courts, and for public education on the law.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 6720 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 6720 to be credited to the fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
JSCCD9 County Law Library Resources Boards			
Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20
Requires that the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards Fund (Fund 5JY0) consist of money deposited into a county's law library resources fund and forwarded by that county's treasurer for deposit in the state treasury.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires that Fund 5JY0 ALI 005620, County Law Library Resources Boards, be used for the operation of the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5JY0 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5JY0 to be credited to the fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
JSCCD10 Federal Grants			
Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20
Requires the Federal Grants Fund (Fund 3J00) consist of grants and other money awarded to the Supreme Court by the federal government or other entities that receive the money directly from the federal government and distribute that money to the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires that Fund 3J00 ALI 005603, Federal Grants, be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the grant or award.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 3J00 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 3J00 to be credited or transferred to the GRF.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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AGOCD31 Public Records Law changes - Availability of public records for inspection and copying			
R.C. 149.43	R.C. 149.43	R.C. 149.43	R.C. 149.43
Creates an exemption under the Public Records Law for the following:	Same as the Executive, but with the following changes:	Same as the House, but with the following changes:	Same as the Senate.
(1) "Specific investigatory work product" and defines it to include specific records developed during an investigation by the investigating officer, agent of an investigative agency, or prosecuting attorney.	(1) Same as the Executive, but defines "specific investigatory work product" as information assembled by law enforcement officials in connection with a probable or pending criminal proceeding.	(1) Same as the House, but specifies "specific investigatory work product" is not a public record until the criminal or civil proceeding has ended without the possibility of direct appeal or a decision by the agency, office, or official responsible not to proceed with the matter and excludes routine incident reports from the definition.	(1) Same as the Senate.
(2) No provision.	(2) "Attorney work product record," defined as a record (including any record that documents the independent thought processes, mental impressions, legal theories, strategies, analysis, or reasoning or reasoning of or for an attorney) created by or for an attorney in anticipation of or for litigation, trial, or administrative proceedings, when acting in an official capacity on behalf of the state, a political subdivision of the state, a state agency, public official, or public employee.	(2) Same as the House, but specifies that "attorney work product record" does not include "specific investigatory work product" or "trial preparation records" and is one made in reasonable anticipation of litigation.	(2) Same as the Senate.
(3) No provision.	(3) A record created using assistive device or application when the record is used, maintained, and accessible only to the individual creating the record or causing the record to be created.	(3) No provision (see AGOCD40).	(3) No provision (see AGOCD40).

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(4) No provision.	(4) The personal notes of a public official or public employee, or an attorney acting in an official capacity on behalf of the public official or public employee acting in their official capacity, which were created for reference and convenience and are used, maintained, and accessible only to the individual creating the record or causing the record to be created.	(4) No provision (see AGOCD40).	(4) No provision (see AGOCD40).
(5) No provision.	(5) No provision.	(5) Entries on a state or local elected official's public calendar that are for a future date.	(5) Same as the Senate.
No provision.	Clarifies that trial preparation records, which include any record that is not a confidential law enforcement investigatory record or attorney work product record, are exempt from the Public Records Law until after the conclusion of all direct appeals or, if no appeal is filed, at the expiration of the time during which an appeal may be filed.	Same as the House, but specifies the public records exemptions for "trial preparation records" includes, that if no trial occurred, until the civil or criminal action or proceeding has ended without the possibility of direct appeal or a decision by the agency, office, or official responsible not to proceed with the matter.	Same as the Senate.
Fiscal effect: Potential administrative cost savings for state and local agencies if certain documents are no longer required to be released as part of a public records request due to an exemption under the Public Records Law.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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SENCD8	Security employees of the General Assembly and Executive Department officers			R.C. 9.691
No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Permits the General Assembly and Executive Department officers to establish, implement, and fund through public resources, security provisions for the protection of the General Assembly members and Executive Department officers.	
No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Authorizes the Supreme Court to adopt rules to establish, implement, and fund through public resources, security provisions for the protection of justices, judges, and the judiciary.	
No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Permits each house of the General Assembly, in addition to the Sergeant-at-arms and any assistant Sergeants-at-arms, to appoint, employ, contract with, and fix the compensation of law enforcement officers or other persons to provide or coordinate security for the General Assembly members.	
No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Permits each executive department officer to appoint, employ, contract with, and fix the compensation of law enforcement officers or other persons to provide or coordinate security for the officer.	

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No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Provides that: (1) those appointed law enforcement officers the same arrest powers as other peace officers and law enforcement officers to apprehend offenders, and (2) anyone appointed for security purposes is in addition to, independent of, and operates concurrently with any security provided by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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LOCCD25	Pay raises	R.C.	141.04, 325.18, 505.24, 507.09, and 3501.12, Section 701.70	R.C.	141.04, 325.18, 505.24, 507.09, and 3501.12, Section 701.70	R.C.	141.04, 325.18, 505.24, 507.09, and 3501.12, Section 701.70
No provision.		Increases and extends pay raises for justices and judges, county officials, township officials, and members of county boards of elections, from 1.75% per year through 2028 under current law to 5% per year through 2029.		Same as the House.		Same as the House.	
No provision.		Provides annual cost of living adjustments beginning in 2030 equal to the increase in CPI with a 3% maximum.		No provision.		No provision.	
		Fiscal effect: JSC will incur increased GRF expenditures averaging approximately \$9.0 million per year over the 4-year period covering 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029. For 2030-2035, during which current law does not provide for any salary increases, the additional expenditures for JSC over current law total about \$29.4 million per year on average. There will also be increased payroll expenditures for county, township, and county boards of elections over this time.		Fiscal effect: JSC will incur increased GRF expenditures averaging approximately \$9.0 million per year over the 4-year period covering 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029. There will also be increased payroll expenditures for county, township, and county boards of elections over this time.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Senate.	