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- Would have modified the limit on the Controlling Board's authority to approve unanticipated or additional expenditures (VETOED).
- Starting January 1, 2026, changes the deadline for the Controlling Board President to publish the Board's meeting agenda from seven days to ten days before each meeting.
- Subjects to Controlling Board approval any online subscription purchased by a state agency that in the aggregate exceeds $500 during the fiscal year.

Expenditure of excess revenue (VETOED)

(R.C. 131.35)

The Governor vetoed a provision that would have reduced the limit on the Controlling Board's authority to approve the expenditure of unanticipated or additional funds to a flat dollar amount of $100 million per fiscal year for a specific or related purpose or item. Continuing law prohibits the Board from approving an amount greater than 0.5% of the GRF appropriations for that fiscal year. For example, in FY 2026, that amount would be roughly $220 million.

Controlling Board agenda

(R.C. 127.13; Section 820.80)

Beginning January 1, 2026, the act requires the Controlling Board President to provide the Board's meeting agenda and any supporting documentation ten days before each meeting, instead of seven days, to the Board members and to the Legislative Service Commission.

Procurement of online subscriptions

(R.C. 125.052)

The act subjects certain state agency purchases of online subscriptions to Controlling Board approval. Specifically, any online subscription purchased by a state agency for a news periodical or news website that is not headquartered in Ohio, and that in the aggregate exceeds $500 during the fiscal year, is subject to Controlling Board approval. The act defines "online subscription" as an offering through an internet online service or platform to access digital content or services on a recurring basis in exchange for a subscription fee. The act exempts the General Assembly, legislative agencies, and the Governor.