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Introduction

The Comparison Document provides brief descriptions and fiscal estimates of the provisions that make up the executive recommended version and subsequent versions of the biennial main operating budget bill of the 136th General Assembly, House Bill 96. This Comparison Document Base edition contains the executive recommendations for H.B. 96, As Introduced. The document is arranged in alphabetical order by state agency. It also includes three nonagency items for which appropriations are made: Employee Benefits Fund (PAY), Pension Subsidies (PEN), and State Revenue Distribution Funds (RDF). A Table of Contents follows this Introduction. Two indices are located at the end of the document. The first index gives the page number of each particular item within the sections; the second index lists cross-references by agency.

Generally within an agency's section, items that involve Revised Code changes come first, followed by items that involve uncodified (i.e., temporary) law provisions. The sections for the Department of Education, Department of Medicaid, and the Department of Taxation are first arranged by general topic area. If an item affects more than one agency, it is described under one of the affected agencies, rather than all of the agencies. However, the other agencies are listed in the cross-reference index at the end of the document. This index lists, for each agency, all entries that affect the agency but are not included in that agency's section as well as the page numbers for these entries. A reader who is interested in all provisions affecting a certain agency should consult the cross-reference index in addition to the agency's section.

Each item is assigned a unique identification number. This number begins with the three-letter agency code used in the state's accounting system followed by a comparison document reference ("CD") and a number (TAXCD15, for example). A reader who wants to track an item across several versions of the Comparison Document may find the identification number useful.

The Comparison Document does not include appropriation amounts for the agencies. Please see the Appropriation Spreadsheet for that information. For a complete discussion of the statutory changes in the bill, please see the Bill Analysis for H.B. 96.

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ADJCD1 National Guard Benefits

Section: 205.20

Requires GRF ALI 745407, National Guard Benefits, to be used to reimburse active duty members for life insurance premiums, provide death benefits when an active duty member dies while performing active duty, and administer the associated programs.

Permits the transfer of appropriation from any ALI used by the ADJ to this ALI, in order to pay benefits in a timely manner. Permits, with CEB approval, the restoration of the appropriation in any ALI for which such a transfer was made.

Requires, for active duty members of the National Guard who died after October 7, 2001, while performing active duty, that the death benefit be paid to the beneficiaries designated on the member's Servicemember's Group Life Insurance Policy.

ADJCD2 Ohio Cyber Reserve

Section: 205.20

Requires GRF ALI 745503, Ohio Cyber Reserve, to be used to support the administration of the Ohio Cyber Reserve and the expenses related to cyber state active duty of members of the Ohio Cyber Reserve.

ADJCD3 Ohio Cyber Range

Section: 205.20

Requires GRF ALI 745504, Ohio Cyber Range, to be used for providing cyber training and education to K-12 students, higher education students, members of the Ohio National Guard, federal employees, and state and local government employees, and providing emergency preparedness exercises and training.

Requires ADJ, in collaboration with DAS, ODPS, ODHE and DEW, to establish and maintain a cyber range, and permits ADJ to work with federal agencies to assist in accomplishing this objective.

Permits these state agencies to procure any necessary goods and services for the cyber range. Requires them to contribute funds to establish and maintain the cyber range.

ADJCD4 State Active Duty

Section: 205.20

Requires that GRF ALI 745505, State Active Duty, be used to pay for expenses related to state active duty of members of the Ohio organized militia.

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DASCD22 Software purchases

R.C. 9.27

Prohibits a contract entered into by the state for a purchase, in which a state agency receives a license to use a software application designed to run on generally available desktop or server hardware or cloud platforms, from including a requirement that the state agency install or run the software on hardware or in a cloud platform dedicated solely to the state agency, or a requirement that otherwise restricts the state agency from installing or running the software on hardware or in a cloud platform of the state agency's choosing.

Fiscal effect: Potentially reduces costs from redundant software licensing.

DASCD32 Procurement law and public records

R.C. 9.28, 125.071, 125.11

Clarifies that all documents related to a competitive selection, (including competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals, reverse auctions, and electronic procurement) are not public records until after the contract has been awarded.

Eliminates a provision that specifies such documents are public records after a competitive selection is cancelled.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD40 Office of Risk Management attorney-client privilege

R.C. 9.821

Requires the AGO and appointed counsel to share communications and documents with the Office of Risk Management made for the purpose of seeking legal advice in connection with certain actual or potential legal matters involving the Office's programs.

Establishes that all such documents shared between the Office and a state agency or the Attorney General are privileged and confidential.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD39 Notice of open meeting on a public body's website

R.C. 121.22

Requires a public body to establish a method for announcing all scheduled and special meetings on the public body's website, instead of requiring that the method be established by rule.

Allows any advance notification to include electronically mailing the agenda of meetings to all subscribers on an electronic mailing list.

Removes the reference of making an advance notification using self addressed, stamped envelopes provided by a person requesting an advance notice.

Fiscal effect: Small cost savings for public entities subject to the meeting notification requirements.

Executive

DASCD37 State civil service

R.C. 124.02

Replaces the requirement that the DAS Director and the State Personnel Board of Review exercise former functions, powers, and duties given to the State Civil Service Commission with a requirement that the Director and Board exercise functions, powers, and duties actually given to the Commission on or before January 1, 1959.

Eliminates the requirement that any reference in law or rule to the Commission be considered to refer to DAS, the DAS Director, or the Board.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD24 Human resources services for colleges, universities, and municipalities

R.C. 124.07

Eliminates the authority for the DAS Director to designate individuals in or out of the service of the state to serve as examiners or assistants under the Director's direction, while retaining the Director's current law authority to appoint examiners, inspectors, clerks, and other assistants as necessary to carry out the law.

Eliminates a requirement that an examiner or assistant be paid compensation for each day in the discharge of duties as an examiner or assistant.

Eliminates a provision specifying that rendering services in connection with an examination without extra compensation is part of an examiner's or assistant's official duties.

Eliminates a requirement that the Director, examiners, inspectors, clerks, and assistants receive reimbursement for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the actual discharge of their official duties.

Eliminates the ability of a state-supported college or university or a municipal corporation to use services and facilities furnished by DAS to provide and maintain payroll services and state merit standards.

Eliminates the Director's ability to enter into an agreement with any county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision to furnish DAS services and facilities in the administration of a merit program or other functions related to human resources, including providing competitive examinations for positions in the classified service.

Eliminates the Director's ability to designate the municipal civil service commission of the largest city within a county as the Director's agent for the purpose of carrying out designated provisions of law administered by the Director within that county.

Eliminates the ability of the Director to incur necessary expenses for stationery, printing, and other supplies incident to DAS business.

Fiscal effect: None. The affected services are no longer offered by DAS.

Executive

DASCD23 Paid leave for emergency medical or firefighting service

R.C. 124.1310

Increases, from 40 to 120 hours, the amount of paid leave a state employee may use each year to provide emergency medical or firefighting services. Expands the reasons for which a state employee may use the leave to include attending a training or continuing education program that relates to providing emergency medical or firefighting services.

Fiscal effect: Additional paid leave for state employees who provide emergency medical or firefighting services would not directly increase costs for state agencies, as these employees would otherwise receive their regular pay at the same rate. However, state agencies could incur some additional costs if the employee's leave results in overtime or a need to hire additional staff to cover the employee's workload while on leave.

DASCD38 Exempt employee salary schedules

R.C. 124.152, 5503.031 (repealed), Section 701.30

Eliminates statutory pay schedules E-1 and E-2 for exempt state employees.

Requires the DAS Director, in consultation with the OBM Director, to create schedules E-1 and E-2, report them to the Controlling Board, publish them, and assign exempt state employees to pay ranges within them based on job classification plan developed by the DAS Director under continuing law.

Repeals a requirement that certain officers of the State Highway Patrol be paid in accordance with specific pay ranges in statutory schedule E-1 eliminated by the bill.

Repeals a prohibition against an exempt employee other than a captain or equivalent officer in the State Highway Patrol from being placed in step value 7 in range 17 of statutory pay schedule E-1 eliminated by the bill.

Fiscal effect: Any fiscal effect would depend on the exempt salary schedules developed by the DAS Director. Presumably they would mirror the existing E-1 and E-2 salary schedules initially, but any future changes are unknown.

DASCD36 Disability leave benefits

R.C. 124.385

Makes a full-time permanent state employee with at least one year of service eligible for disability leave benefits if the employee is entitled to disability benefits under a collective bargaining agreement.

Eliminates the requirement that the DAS Director adopt a rule regarding the disability leave program pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, thus subjecting the required rule adoption to the abbreviated (R.C. 111.15) rulemaking procedure.

Requires the Director to adopt rules that allow disability leave due to a condition.

Eliminates the requirement that the rules the Director adopts include the following: (1) timing requirements regarding the procedure for appealing denial of payment of a claim, (2) approving leave of absence for medical reasons where an employee is in no pay status after using all other leave time, and (3) provisions precluding the payment of benefits to ensure they are provided in a consistent manner.

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Specifies that the adjudication hearing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act do not apply to the procedures for appealing denial of payment of a claim.

Eliminates the prohibition against charging time off for an employee granted disability leave to any other leave.

Eliminates the requirement that the Director approve disability leave on the appointing authority's recommendation and eliminates the Director's ability to delegate to the appointing authority the authority to approve disability benefits for a standard recovery period.

Fiscal effect: None, the amendment codifies a current practice.

DASCD33 Procurement processes

R.C. 125.01, 125.02-125.073, 125.09, 125.091, 125.11, 125.18, 125.601, 127.16, 307.86, 731.14, 731.141, 3345.691, 3345.692, 4114.36, 5513.01, and 5513.02, Repealed: 125.092, 125.093, 125.10, 125.112, 125.60, 125.602-125.6012

Modifies DAS responsibilities with respect to the purchase of "goods or services" instead of "supplies and services."

Requires that rules adopted by the DAS Director, with respect to state agency purchases, and regarding circumstances and criteria for obtaining a release and permit under the first and second requisite procurement program, be adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Allows DAS, at its discretion, to amend, renew, cancel, or terminate any state contract when it is in the best interest of the state.

Alters the procedures for state agency purchases through the first and second requisite procurement programs.

Eliminates a requirement that DAS include in its annual report, an estimate of the purchases, by participation in state contract, that are made by state institutions of higher education, governmental agencies, political subdivisions, boards of elections, private fire companies, private, nonprofit emergency medical service organizations, and chartered nonpublic schools.

Removes from the definition of "state procurement emergency" specific circumstances that (1) pose a threat to public health, safety, or welfare; (2) cause an immediate and serious need for supplies or services that cannot be achieved by normal state procurement methods; or (3) are a serious threat of harm to state government, protection of property, or the health and safety of individuals.

Requires that solicitations for state agency purchases via competitive sealed bidding at a minimum must contain a detailed description of the goods or services to be purchased, the terms and conditions of the purchase, instructions concerning submission of proposals, and any other information prescribed by rules, or that DAS considers necessary.

Requires that proposals in response to competitive sealed bidding solicitations be submitted through and opened in the electronic procurement system established by DAS.

Requires the prequalification of all entities who submit bids through the "reverse auction" purchasing process.

Eliminates the biobased product preference program and specifies new requirements for the purchase of biobased products.

Eliminates DAS authority to require that all competitive sealed bids, competitive sealed proposals, and bids received in a reverse auction be accompanied by a performance bond or other financial assurance acceptable.

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Allows the DAS electronic procurement system to be used to meet the existing requirement that DAS establish and maintain a single searchable website with information on state awards.

Modifies and recodifies the Community Rehabilitation Program within the procurement office of DAS.

Modifies the definition of government ordering office, as applies to the Community Rehabilitation Program, so that it no longer includes the General Assembly or state elected officials.

Recodifies (relocates) most definitions in the procurement chapter to one common definition section.

Fiscal effect: DAS, and perhaps other state agencies, would likely see some administrative cost savings as a result of procedural efficiencies in procurement.

DASCD41 Procurement law and semiconductors

R.C. 125.01, 3333.04

Expands the definition of "Buy Ohio products" in procurement law to include any product that includes semiconductors produced by a company with a significant Ohio economic presence.

Requires that a state consortium, established by the ODHE Chancellor, follow rules adopted by DAS for giving preference to Buy Ohio products when making a purchase with appropriated funds of any product that includes semiconductors.

Fiscal effect: State agencies and state supported institutions of higher education may incur additional procurement costs for semi-conductors if the Buy Ohio preference results in the selection of a higher priced bid. However, due to the nature of competitive bidding, it is difficult to estimate how this change affects costs. The Buy Ohio purchasing preference gives a 5% price advantage to suppliers in Ohio and bordering states.

DASCD28 State printing

R.C. 125.041, 125.31, 125.42, 125.58, Repealed: 125.36, 125.38, 125.43, 125.49, 125.51, 125.56, 125.76

Eliminates references in law to the Division of State Printing within DAS, and specifically eliminates the statutory assignment of functions, powers, and duties to the Division of State Printing.

Eliminates various requirements with respect to state contracts for printing services.

Fiscal effect: None. State printing services are overseen by DAS's General Services Division.

DASCD27 State surplus supplies and nonprofit corporations

R.C. 125.13

Allows the DAS Director to dispose of surplus or excess supplies in the Director's control to a nonprofit entity that is registered and in good standing with the SOS as a domestic nonprofit or not-for-profit corporation, instead of only to a nonprofit entity that receives funds from the state or has a contract.

Fiscal effect: None.

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DASCD26 Prohibited applications on state systems

R.C. 125.183

Changes the definition of "covered applications," for purposes of prohibiting downloading and using certain social media applications on state agency computers, networks, and devices, to any application owned or controlled by an entity identified as a foreign adversary as defined in federal law instead of specifying the "TikTok application," "WeChat application," and any application or service owned by an entity located in China.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD21 Entrepreneur in residence pilot program

R.C. 125.65, (repealed), 102.02

Eliminates the entrepreneur in residence pilot program.

Fiscal effect: None. The Entrepreneur in Residence Pilot Program was a one-year program that began in 2015 and ended in 2016.

DASCD30 Prescription Drug Transparency and Affordability Advisory Council

R.C. 125.95, (Repealed)

Abolishes the Prescription Drug Transparency and Affordability Advisory Council.

Fiscal effect: None. The council completed its statutory duties in FY 2020 and was sunset under H.B. 110 of the 134th General assembly.

DASCD35 Public safety answering points

R.C. 128.021

Requires all public safety answering points (PSAP) that answer 9-1-1 calls for service in the state be subject to the PSAP operations rules.

Fiscal effect: None likely. Given the purpose and breadth of the Next Generation 9-1-1 system, most likely PSAPs would already comply or have plans to comply with operations rules by the statutory deadlines.

DASCD29 Next Generation 9-1-1 access fee

R.C. 128.412

Repeals the provision of law that would, beginning October 1, 2025, lower the Next Generation 9-1-1 access fee applied to certain communication services in the state from \$0.40 to \$0.25.

Fiscal effect: Next Generation 9-1-1 access fees are deposited to the credit of several funds used for establishing and administering the state's Next Generation 9-1-1 system. This change will result in an increase in revenue each of these funds would otherwise receive after October 1, 2025.

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DASCD31 Designation of a public records officer

R.C. 149.43

Expressly authorizes a public office or person responsible for public records to designate one or more officials or employees to act as its public records officer or officers, and specifies that the public office may require that a person making a request for a public record address a request to the designated public records officer or officers.

Requires a public office to include the designation of the public records officer or officers and operative contact information for the public records officer or officers in its public records policy, and also post this information on any website of the public office.

Fiscal effect: None apparent.

DASCD25 Emergency response commission

R.C. 3750.02

Adds the DAS Director to the Emergency Response Commission as an ex officio member.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD34 License holder residential address and contact information

R.C. 4798.10

Shields the address, telephone number, or email address of a holder, or former holder, of an occupational license, specialty occupational license for medical reimbursement, certification, or registration from revelation under Ohio's Public Records Law.

Allows an occupational licensing board or the Office of Information Technology, which operates the elicense database, to make a covered address, telephone number, or email address available under the following circumstances:

- (1) at the request of a federal, state, or local government agency or a professional organization approved by the occupational licensing board, provided the agency or approved organization agrees not to disseminate the information to third parties,
- (2) for joining and maintaining an interstate licensure compact or other method of granting interstate reciprocal licensure,
- (3) for enforcing state or federal law, including conducting investigations, issuing citations, enforcing settlements, and conducting adjudication hearings,
- (4) at the request of a law enforcement agency or an agency in another state responsible for the licensure, regulation, or investigation of the holder of an occupational license, specialty occupational license for medical reimbursement, certification, or registration under the jurisdiction of an occupational licensing board in that state,
- (5) at the request of an accredited educational institution for research purposes approved by the occupational licensing board, provided the institution agrees not to disseminate the information to third parties,

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(6) at the request of an entity that performs services on behalf of an occupational licensing board, provided the organization or entity agrees not to disseminate the information to third parties unless the disclosure is necessary to provide the services and is authorized as part of a contract or agreement between the entity and the board,

(7) for the purpose of reporting disciplinary actions to federal or state authorities or to organizations approved by the occupational licensing board, or

(8) at the request of the individual who holds or held the occupational license, specialty occupational license for medical reimbursement, certification, or registration.

Prohibits the release of the address, telephone number, or email address of a designated public service worker, as defined in continuing law, unless the release also complies with procedures of the Public Record's Law.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD1 EDCS Lease Rental Payments

Section: 207.20

Requires GRF ALI 100413, EDCS Lease Rental Payments, to be used to cover the financing costs for the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Enterprise Data Center Solutions (EDCS) initiative.

DASCD2 MARCS Lease Rental Payments

Section: 207.20

Requires GRF ALI 100414, MARCS Lease Rental Payments, to cover the financing costs for the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) upgrade.

DASCD3 OAKS Lease Rental Payments

Section: 207.20

Requires GRF ALI 100415, OAKS Lease Rental Payments, to cover the financing costs for the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS).

DASCD4 STARS Lease Rental Payments

Section: 207.20

Requires GRF ALI 100416, STARS Lease Rental Payments, to cover the financing costs for the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the State Taxation Accounting and Revenue System (STARS).

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DASCD5 Administrative Buildings Lease Rental Bond Payments

Section: 207.20

Requires GRF ALI 100447, Administrative Buildings Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used to make payments pursuant to leases and agreements entered into by the state to finance capital facilities.

DASCD6 State agency support services

Section: 207.20

Permits GRF ALI 130321, State Agency Support Services, to be used to provide funding for the cost of property appraisals or building studies that DAS may be required to obtain for property that is being sold by the state or under consideration to be renovated or purchased by the state.

Permits the ALI to also be used to pay the operating expenses or other costs of state facilities maintained by DAS that are not billed to building tenants, or other costs associated with the Voinovich Center in Youngstown or costs of repairing vehicles donated pursuant to R.C. 125.13. Specifies that these expenses may include the costs for vacant space, space undergoing renovation, and the rent expense of tenants that are relocated because of building renovations. Allows DAS to process these payments through intrastate transfer voucher to the Building Management Fund (Fund 1320).

Allows that, at least once per year, the portion of the ALI not used for the regular expenses of the ALI be processed by DAS through intrastate transfer voucher and deposited into the Building Improvement Fund (Fund 5KZ0).

Reappropriates an amount certified by the DAS Director, up to the available balance in ALI 130321, State Agency Support Services, at the end of FY 2026 for the same purposes in FY 2027.

DASCD7 Professional Development Fund and the Ohio Digital Academy and GRF cash transfer to Fund 5L70

Section: 207.30, 512.10

Earmarks up to \$1,400,000 in each fiscal year from Fund 5L70 ALI 100610, Professional Development, to be used to make payments from the Professional Development Fund (Fund 5L70) covering the cost of programs that provide professional development opportunities for exempt employees.

Earmarks up to \$2,000,000 during the biennium to support the creation of the Ohio Digital Academy to generate high-tech workforce capacity and serve the state in advanced technology and cybersecurity needs. Establishes goals for the Academy to include educating, training, and subsequently employing analysts in completing boot camps, certifications, or degree programs in cybersecurity, coding, software engineering, user experience designers, and related fields.

Authorizes DAS, in consultation with CyberOhio, to select qualified candidates for the Academy. Subjects candidates to all applicable background checks and requires, if selected, candidates to commit to three years of service with the state.

Allows candidates to be placed in an unclassified, administrative staff position and authorizes the DAS Director to set compensation.

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Allows DAS to use ALI 100610 to reimburse selected students' tuition expenses for coursework, certification achieved, or other necessary expenses, prior to acceptance in the program, that are directly attributable to the targeted skills of the program, if completed within one year prior to the bill's effective date.

Qualifies candidates for reimbursement of costs for continuing education or certification at the discretion of the DAS Director to support the development of specialized skills in the areas of IT and cybersecurity.

Makes the candidate responsible for paying any taxes owed on tuition assistance received.

Allows DAS to recover all or a portion of funds provided to an Academy participant who fails to complete the agreed-upon three years of service.

Allows DAS to select and enter into a subgrant agreement with a regionally accredited Ohio institution of higher education with demonstrated coursework programming in cybersecurity to serve as a Digital Analyst Training Academy (D.A.T.A) Center. Requires D.A.T.A. Centers to be responsible for paying costs associated with the work of the Academy as designated by DAS.

Requires institutions serving as D.A.T.A. Centers to: (1) provide necessary educational coursework or training for selected students successful completion of a certificate or degree program as prescribed by DAS at no cost to the student, (2) administer weekly professional development programs for students, (3) prepare analysts for summer mandatory recruit training as prescribed by DAS, (4) coordinate and manage summer scenarios, (5) submit quarterly reports to DAS to contain information on the amount of grant funds expended, and (6) submit an annual report to DAS of all achievements including a status report of all expenditures, number of students enrolled by program area, number of students graduated or certifications achieved by program area, program expansion opportunities, and projected costs to continue operating the D.A.T.A. Center.

Allows additional centers to be added over the biennium subject to the approval of the DAS Director.

Reappropriates, upon certification from the DAS Director to the OBM Director, the available balance in ALI 100610 at the end of FY 2026 for the same purposes in FY 2027.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer \$2,000,000 cash from the GRF in FY 2026 to the Professional Development Fund (Fund 5L70).

DASCD8 911 Program

Section: 207.30

Requires ALI 100663, 911 Program, to be used by DAS to pay the administrative, marketing, and educational costs of the Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network program.

DASCD9 Employee Educational Development

Section: 207.30

Requires that ALI 100619, Employee Educational Development, be used to make payments from the Employee Development Fund (Fund 5V60) to pay the costs of administering educational programs (generally tuition reimbursement) under existing collective bargaining agreements with certain bargaining units. Appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if the OBM Director determines they are necessary.

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DASCD10 General service charges

Section: 207.40

Requires DAS to establish, with the approval of the OBM Director, charges for recovering the costs of administering the programs funded by the General Services Fund (Fund 1170) and the State Printing Fund (Fund 2100).

DASCD11 Collective bargaining arbitration expenses

Section: 207.40

Allows DAS to seek reimbursement from state agencies for the actual costs and expenses that DAS incurs in the collective bargaining arbitration process. Requires the reimbursements to be processed through intrastate transfer vouchers and credited to the Collective Bargaining Fund (Fund 1280).

DASCD12 Risk Management Reserve

Section: 207.40

Requires Fund 1300 ALI 100606, Risk Management Reserve, to be used to make payments for liability claims, expenses, fees, or damages under the state’s Risk Management Reserve Program pursuant to R.C. 9.823. Appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if the OBM Director determines they are necessary.

DASCD13 Consolidated IT Purchases

Section: 207.40

Requires that Fund 2290 ALI 100640, Consolidated IT Purchases, be used by DAS to make information technology purchases for the benefit of government entities at a lower aggregate cost than each individual government entity could obtain if they were making the purchase independently. Reappropriates, upon certification from the DAS Director to the OBM Director, the available balance in ALI 100640 at the end of FY 2026 for the same purposes in FY 2027.

DASCD14 Investment Recovery Fund

Section: 207.40

Allows cash balances in the Investment Recovery Fund (Fund 4270) to be used to support the operating expenses of the Federal Surplus Operating Program.

DASCD15 Major IT purchases charges

Section: 207.40

Allows the OBM Director, at the request of the DAS Director, to transfer up to the amount collected for statewide indirect costs attributable to debt service paid for the enterprise data center solutions project from the GRF to the Major Information Technology Purchases Fund (Fund 4N60).

Executive**DASCD20 Professions Licensing System****Section: 207.40**

Requires Fund 4K90 ALI 100673, Ohio Professionals Licensing System, to be used to purchase equipment, products, and services necessary to update and maintain an automated licensing system for the professional licensing boards.

Requires DAS to establish charges for recovering the costs of ongoing maintenance of the system that are not otherwise recovered. Requires that the charges be proportionate to each benefiting state agency, board or commission's use of the system. Requires the OBM Director to transfer cash from the operating funds of agencies, boards, and commissions to Fund 4K90 if the board is not already funded by Fund 4K90.

Requires the State Board of Education to consult with DAS on the utilization of the Ohio Professionals Licensing System and to consider opportunities to reduce the number of license and certification types.

DASCD16 Building Improvement Fund**Section: 207.45**

Requires that Fund 5KZ0 ALI 100659, Building Improvement, be used to make payments for major maintenance or improvements required in facilities maintained by DAS.

Requires DAS to conduct or contract for regular assessments of these buildings and allows DAS to maintain a cash balance in the Building Improvement Fund (Fund 5KZ0) equal to the cost of the repairs and improvements that are recommended to occur within the next five years, except that the DAS Director may request the OBM Director to permit a cash transfer from Fund 5KZ0 to the Building Management Fund (Fund 1320) to pay costs of operating and maintaining the buildings that are not charged to tenants during the same fiscal year.

Allows the DAS Director to request the OBM Director to transfer cash from Fund 1320 to Fund 5KZ0 in an amount equal to the initial transfer if the cash balance in Fund 1320 is determined to be sufficient.

DASCD17 Information technology development**Section: 207.45**

Establishes the Information Technology Development Fund (Fund 5LJ0). Requires Fund 5LJ0 ALI 100661, IT Development, to be used by DAS to pay the costs of modernizing the state's information technology management and investment practices to a statewide methodology supporting development of enterprise solutions. Allows the ALI to be used to pay the costs of enterprise information technology initiatives affecting state agencies or their customers.

Allows the DAS Director, with approval from the OBM Director, to charge state agencies an information technology development assessment based on state agencies' information technology expenditures or other methodology and to entities that are not state agencies to offset the cost of specific technology events or service. Requires the revenues from this assessment to be deposited into Fund 5LJ0.

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DASCD18 Enterprise Applications**Section: 207.45**

Requires Fund 5PC0 ALI 100665, Enterprise Applications, to be used for the operation and management of information technology applications that support state agencies' objectives. Requires that charges billed to benefiting agencies be deposited into Fund 5PC0.

DASCD19 Enterprise IT strategy implementation**Section: 207.50**

Requires the DAS Director to determine and implement strategies that benefit the enterprise by improving efficiency, reducing costs, or enhancing capacity of IT services. Allows such improvements and efficiencies to result in the consolidation and transfer of such services.

Allows the DAS Director to request the OBM Director to consolidate or transfer IT-specific budget authority between agencies or within an agency as necessary to implement enterprise IT cost containment strategies and related efficiencies.

Allows the OBM Director to transfer appropriations, funds, and cash as needed to implement the proposed initiative if satisfied that the initiative is cost advantageous to the enterprise. Requires any new fund or additional appropriation to be approved by the Controlling Board.

Allows the OBM Director and the DAS Director to transfer any employees, assets, and liabilities, including, but not limited to, records, contracts, and agreements in order to facilitate the improvements.

DASCD44 Cash Transfer from the GRF to the MARCS Administration Fund**Section: 512.10**

Permits the OBM Director to transfer up to \$10,500,000 cash from the GRF to the MARCS Administration Fund (Fund 5C20) in each fiscal year of the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium.

DASCD42 Ohio Benefits Program transfer of responsibility**Section: 525.10**

Authorizes the DAS Director to transfer administration of the Ohio Benefits Program to the ODJFS Director.

Defines the Ohio Benefits Program as the integrated enterprise solution administered by DAS that assists individuals in verifying eligibility and applying for benefits offered through various programs administered by ODJFS and ODM, including the Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF programs.

Authorizes the OBM Director to make budget and accounting changes to implement the program's transfer, as well as appropriation adjustments based on those changes.

Includes the standard transfer language and addresses the transfer of DAS employees whose primary duties include administering the program to ODJFS.

Fiscal effect: Along with the transfer of budgetary responsibility for the Ohio Benefits Program, both DAS and JFS are likely to incur some one-time administrative costs for making this transfer.

Executive

AGECD4 Electronic visit verification - home care services**R.C. 121.36**

Exempts providers utilizing electronic visit verification systems from the law requiring providers under contract with the ODA, ODODD, ODJFS, and ODH to satisfy certain conditions (e.g. procedures for maintaining certain records and procedures for conducting a random check of 5% of home care visits) when adopting a system to monitor the delivery of home care services by their employees.

Eliminates the law requiring the departments above to study and submit a report addressing how self-employed providers, who are exempt under current law from the requirement to adopt a monitoring system, may be made subject to that requirement by September 27, 2005.

Fiscal effect: If the provision leads to a reduction in provider administrative costs, this might eventually result in a decrease in reimbursements provided by these departments.

AGECD5 Criminal records checks**R.C. 173.38, 173.381**

Revises the law governing criminal records checks for persons applying for, or employed in, direct-care positions with community-based long-term care services providers whose services are provided under ODA-administered programs as follows:

- (1) Excludes attorneys, persons acting at the direction of attorneys, and participant-directed providers from having to complete criminal records checks under this particular law (attorneys undergo such checks as part of their admissions to the Ohio bar);
- (2) Eliminates a consumer meeting certain conditions from the law's responsible party definition (current law prohibits a responsible party from employing an applicant or continuing to employ an employee if the records check demonstrates that the applicant or employee is ineligible for employment);
- (3) Excludes ambulette drivers, attorneys, and persons acting at the direction of attorneys from the law's provisions requiring ODA to take certain actions based on records check results.

Fiscal effect: None.

AGECD1 Provider certification**R.C. 173.391**

Revises the law governing ODA's certification of providers of services under ODA-administered programs:

- (1) Authorizes ODA to send notices regarding disciplinary actions or refusals to certify providers by electronic mail;
- (2) Describes a provider agreement as one that a provider may enter into, or renew, with: ODA or a PASSPORT administrative agency;
- (3) Includes a direct care provider in the law permitting ODA not to hold a hearing when it denies, suspends, or revokes a provider certification because a principal owner or manager of the provider has entered a guilty plea for, been convicted of, or has been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for a disqualifying offense;

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(4) Revises one of the disciplinary actions that permits ODA to take against a certified provider, by specifying that the action requires submission of both of the following to ODA (rather than only one of the following as under current law): a plan of correction and evidence of compliance with requirements identified.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

AGECD2 PASSPORT personal care aide and home health aide training

R.C. 173.525

Eliminates the law prohibiting ODA from requiring a PASSPORT home health aide to complete more hours of pre-service training or annual in-service training than is required by federal law.

Extends that prohibition to PASSPORT program personal care aides, by prohibiting ODA from requiring such an aide to complete more pre-service and annual in-service training hours than federal law requires.

Fiscal effect: None.

AGECD3 PASSPORT aide supervision

R.C. 173.525

Revises the law limiting the supervision of PASSPORT home health and personal care aides to registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) under the direction of RNs as follows:

- (1) Removes the law's references to home health aides; and
- (2) Allows LPNs to supervise under the direction of chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, physicians, physician assistants, and podiatrists, in addition to RNs.

Fiscal effect: None.

AGECD6 Nursing home administrators license fee increase

R.C. 4751.20, 4751.24, 4752.25

Increases the fees paid to the Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports as follows:

- (1) Nursing home administrator license application, from \$100 to \$250;
- (2) Nursing home administrator resident application, from \$50 to \$250;
- (3) Nursing home administrator initial license, from \$250 to \$800;
- (4) Nursing home administrator biennial license renewal, from \$600 to \$800;
- (5) Nursing home administrator license reinstatement, from \$300 to \$800;

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(6) Health services executive annual license renewal, from \$50 to \$100.

Establishes the fee for a temporary nursing home administrator license, available beginning on January 1, 2025, at \$350.

Changes the term "administrator in training" to "administrator resident."

Fiscal effect: Increased fee revenue of approximately \$289,000 per year deposited into the Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports Fund (Fund 5MT0).

AGECD7 Long-term care

Section: 209.20

Permits ODM, pursuant to an interagency agreement, to designate ODA to perform level of care assessments.

Requires ODA to provide long-term care consultations to assist individuals in planning for their long-term health care needs.

Requires ODA to administer the Medicaid waiver-funded PASSPORT Home Care Program, the Assisted Living Program, and PACE as delegated by ODM in an interagency agreement.

AGECD8 Performance-based reimbursement

Section: 209.20

Permits ODA to design and utilize a payment method for PASSPORT Administrative Agencies (PAA) that includes a pay-for-performance incentive component that is earned by a PAA when defined consumer and policy outcomes are achieved.

Requires ODA to submit a report outlining the payment method to JMOC prior to filing the proposed rule with JCARR.

Fiscal effect: Potential impact on earnings received by PAAs if the pay-for-performance is utilized and outcomes are achieved. ODA will experience administrative costs to submit reports and adopt rules.

AGECD9 MyCare Ohio

Section: 209.30

Extends the authority of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to MyCare Ohio during the period of the federal financial alignment demonstration program.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs.

AGECD10 Senior Community services

Section: 209.30

Permits GRF ALI 490411, Senior Community Services, to be used for programs, services, and activities designated by ODA. Permits ODA to also use these funds to provide grants to community organizations to support and expand older adult programming. Requires services priority to be given to low-income, high need persons and/or persons with a cognitive impairment who are age 60 or over.

Executive

AGECD11 National Senior Services Corps

Section: 209.30

Permits GRF ALI 490506, National Senior Service Corps, to be used by ODA to fund grants to organizations that receive federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service to support the following: (1) the Foster Grandparents Program; (2) the Senior Companion Program; and (3) the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Requires a grant recipient to use funds to support priorities established by ODA and the Ohio State Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Prohibits ODA and any area agencies on aging involved in the distribution of funds to lower-tiered grant recipients to use funds to cover administrative costs.

AGECD12 Board of Executives of Long-Term Services and Supports

Section: 209.30

Permits Fund 5MT0 ALI 490627, Board of Executives of Long-Term Care Services and Supports, to be used to administer and enforce the nursing home administration law and rules adopted under it.

Executive

AGRCD18 Certificate of free sale

R.C. 901.43

Allows the AGR Director to authorize any AGR division or program to issue to any entity a certificate of free sale, a document that certifies to states and countries receiving a listed product that the product being exported is freely marketed without restriction in the U.S. Authorizes the AGR Director to charge a reasonable fee for the certificate and adopt and enforce rules for issuance. Requires that the fee be deposited into the appropriate fund.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.**AGRCD3 Fertilizer license fee and lime tonnage report**

R.C. 905.32, 905.56, 905.57

Increases the annual license fee to manufacture or distribute fertilizer from \$5 to \$50; and increases the late license renewal fee from \$10 to \$25.

Eliminates the annual tonnage report and the accompanying inspection fee that a liming material licensee must file with AGR for the number of net tons of liming material sold or distributed to non-licensees in Ohio.

Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$44,000 annually from the increase in the fertilizer fees and approximate \$3,000 annual loss from eliminating the lime tonnage fee. Net annual gain of approximately \$41,000 for the Pesticide Program Fund (Fund 6690).**AGRCD26 Commercial seed labeler permit**

R.C. 907.13, 907.14

Increases the annual commercial seed labeler permit fee from \$10 to \$50 and changes the expiration date of the permit from December 31 to January 31 of each year.

Eliminates one of the required semiannual reports to be filed by a permit holder on the amount of seed sold in Ohio, thus requiring only one such report annually.

Eliminates the minimum annual fee of \$5 that a permit holder must pay and instead specifies that if the permit holder owes less than \$50 for the seed fee, the permit holder is not required to pay the fee.

Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$16,000 annually for the Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (Fund 4C90).**AGRCD1 Apiary law changes**

R.C. 909.01, 909.02, 909.07-909.09, 909.13

Makes the following changes to the requirements governing apiary registration: (1) Extends the registration deadline from 10 to 30 days after taking ownership or moving into Ohio with an apiary; (2) Eliminates the \$5 registration fee and \$10 late fee, as well as the issuance of a physical registration certificate; (3) Requires clear posting of apiary identification number.

Eliminates a board of county commissioner's authority to appropriate money in an amount it deems sufficient for the inspection of apiaries in its county.

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Makes the following changes to the law governing deputy apiarists: (1) Requires a board of county commissioners to set the deputy apiarist's salary based on inspection work and related costs; (2) Requires the AGR Director to review, rather than approve, a deputy apiarist's salary and expenses; (3) Allows the AGR Director to assign a deputy apiarist to conduct inspections in multiple counties; (4) Expands the reasons for which the AGR Director may fire a deputy apiarist to include unethical or negligent discharge of duties.

Does all of the following under the law governing the sale or gift of queen bees: (1) Defines a "nuc" as a small colony of bees in a hive box with certain characteristics; (2) expands the law to cover the sale of packaged bees, nucs, and colonies and the trade or distribution of bees; (3) requires that a person intending to sell, trade, gift, or distribute them file a request for certification with AGR along with a fee of \$50 for the certification of a bee, nuc, or colony; (4) expands the prohibition against distributing diseased bees to include an apiary with bee pests or another amount set in rules.

Expands the AGR Director's enforcement authority regarding the Apiary Law to include: (1) compliance agreements between AGR and a person engaged in queen rearing; (2) the authority to suspend any compliance agreement or any registration, certificate, or permit, and (3) the authority to revoke any registration or compliance agreement.

Authorizes the AGR Director to require all queen rearing apiaries to be inspected as specified in rules at least annually, rather than requiring inspections once each year with no authority to alter inspection frequency as under current law.

Fiscal effect: Loss of approximately \$35,000 annually by eliminating the apiary registration fee. Gain of approximately \$41,000 annually from new \$50 certification fee. Net gain of \$6,000 annually for the Plant Pest Program Fund (Fund 5FC0).

AGRCD11 Bakery registration fee**R.C. 911.02**

Establishes a flat \$200 annual registration fee for bakeries to replace the current of \$30 for each 1,000 pounds of bakery per hour capacity, thus increasing the annual registration fee for bakeries with a production capacity lower than 6,000 pounds per hour while decreasing the fee for those with a production capacity higher than 6,000 pounds per hour.

Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$95,000 annually for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70).

AGRCD12 Soda water syrup or extract and soft drink syrup manufacturer fee**R.C. 913.23**

Eliminates the registration requirement for soda water syrup or extract manufacturers or soft drink syrup manufacturers not otherwise licensed as soft drink bottlers, thus eliminating an annual \$100 registration/license fee.

Fiscal effect: Loss of approximately \$3,400 annually for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70).

Executive

AGRCD13 Cold storage locker license fee

R.C. 915.16

Increases the annual license fee for cold storage lockers from \$50 to \$200.

Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$18,000 annually for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70).

AGRCD21 Livestock dealers – fees and penalties

R.C. 915.24

Alters the fees charged by AGR to livestock dealers and brokers as follows: (1) applies a flat \$250 annual dealer and broker license renewal fee instead a fee schedule (\$50 for less than 1,000 head; \$125 for 1,001 to 10,000 head; \$250 for more than 10,000 head) depending on head of livestock bought, sold, or exchanged in Ohio; (2) increases the annual license fee from \$25 to \$50 for small dealers, and increases the applicable late fee from \$25 to \$100; (3) increases the annual license fee for employees appointed by a small dealer, dealer, or broker from \$20 to \$30; (4) increases the annual license fee for weighers from \$10 to \$30.

Eliminates the first degree misdemeanor criminal penalties for violation of any prohibition of the law governing livestock dealers and brokers, except for the violation of a weigher improperly weighing or accepting bribes, and instead allows the AGR Director to assess civil penalties for up to \$500 for a first violation within the previous five years, up to \$2,500 for a second such violation, and up to \$10,000 for a third or subsequent such violation. Directs the civil penalties to the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund.

Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$57,000 annually for the Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (Fund 4C90).

AGRCD23 Food Safety Fund

R.C. 915.24

Requires money received from federal contracts or cooperative agreements for the performance of AGR's prescribed duties related to food safety inspections to be deposited into the Food Safety Fund. (Such moneys are currently deposited into the Federal Cooperative Contracts Fund.)

Fiscal effect: Gain for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70) and corresponding loss for the Federal Cooperative Contracts Fund (Fund 3820).

AGRCD16 Pesticide Law changes

R.C. 921.01, 921.02, 921.06, 921.09, 921.11-921.14, 921.16, 921.23, 921.24, 921.26.

Updates Ohio law to comply with U.S. EPA regulations as follows:

- (1) Requires restricted use pesticides to be applied exclusively by a licensed commercial or private pesticide applicator;
- (2) Expands activities requiring licensure to include both pre-application actions involving mixing and loading restricted use pesticides, and transporting or storing pesticide application equipment;
- (3) Requires each pesticide business location to be licensed, rather than requiring one license for the pesticide business and the registration of each location that is owned by the person operating the pesticide business;

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- (4) Allows the AGR Director to establish an examination fee by rule for applicants for pesticide applicator licenses;
- (5) Allows the AGR Director to deny, suspend, revoke, refuse to renew, or modify any license, permit, or registration if the applicant or holder has entered into an administrative or judicial settlement under the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.
- (6) Increases the number of days that the AGR Director may suspend a license, permit, or registration prior to a hearing concerning a violation from ten to 30 days.
- (7) Requires that, for one of the conditions that must be met for an exemption from obtaining a pesticide business license, an individual must not engage in the business of applying pesticides for hire, rather than, as under current law, requiring that the person must not regularly engage in such a business.
- Increases fees for the annual registration of a pesticide sold or distributed in Ohio as follows: (1) from \$150 to \$250 for each product name and brand registered for the company whose name appears on the pesticide label; (2) from \$75 to \$125 the penalty fee for late registration renewal; and (3) from \$75 to \$125 the penalty fee for each product name and brand of a non-registered pesticide that is distributed in Ohio before registration.

Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$500,000 annually for the Pesticide Program Fund (Fund 6690).

AGRCD25 Commercial Feed Law

R.C. 923.42, 923.43, 923.51

Requires that a commercial feed registration be made on an annual instead of semiannual basis. Requires a manufacturer or distributor to pay an annual \$50 registration fee and requires the registration to be filed by February 1 of each year and expire on January 31st of the following year.

Eliminates the specific information required to be on the registration form prescribed by the AGR Director.

Removes the minimum \$25 commercial feed inspection fee, generally calculated at a rate of \$25 per ton, and instead exempts the first 200 tons of commercial feed sold in a calendar year from the fee. States that the penalty for late payment of an inspection fee is 10% of the amount due or \$50, whichever is greater, rather than a 10% penalty, with a minimum penalty of \$50 as under current law.

Requires an annual instead of a semiannual submission of the required commercial feed inspection fee and accompanying statement by the first distributor in Ohio.

Fiscal effect: Gain of nearly \$40,000 annually for the Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (4C90).

AGRCD10 Ohio Grape Industries Committee

R.C. 924.51, Section 709.10

Revises the makeup of the Ohio Grape Industries Committee by removing the AGR Chief of the Division of Markets and adding two Ohio residents appointed by the AGR Director.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive**AGRCD15 Nurseryperson Inspection Fee****R.C. 927.53**

Increases the base annual inspection fee for a nurseryperson who produces, sells, or distributes woody nursery stock in Ohio or ships such stock outside Ohio from \$100 to \$200.

Increases the additional per-acre inspection fee for growing woody nursery stock as follows: (1) in intensive production areas, from \$11 per acre, or fraction of an acre, to \$15 per acre, or fraction of an acre; (2) in nonintensive production areas, from \$7 per acre, or fraction of an acre, to \$10 per acre, or fraction of an acre.

Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$100,000 annually for the Plant Pest Program Fund (5FC0).

AGRCD17 Hemp Cultivation and Processing Program**R.C. 928.02, 928.03, 928.04**

Permits the AGR Director to transfer jurisdiction to implement Ohio's hemp cultivation licensure program to the USDA.

Eliminates the prohibition against issuing a hemp cultivation or processing licenses to a person for a felony related to a controlled substance within the previous 10 years.

Eliminates a requirement that the AGR Director revoke, for 10 years, a hemp cultivation or processing license issued to a person who pleads guilty to or is convicted of a controlled substance felony.

Eliminates a requirement that a license applicant comply with the general background check law, and instead requires an applicant to comply with background check rules adopted by the AGR Director.

Fiscal effect: None.

AGRCD20 Captive cervid licensing**R.C. 943.01, 943.26, 944.01-944.08, 1533.71, 1533.721, 1533.731, 1533.77.**

Replaces the requirement that owners who propagate deer in a facility be licensed as livestock dealers with a new regulatory structure that applies to facility owners and owners of any type of cervid (deer, moose, elk, and their hybrids), as follows: (1) Requires all captive cervid facility owners to be licensed annually by AGR; (2) requires the facilities to be inspected before licensure, allowing for an appeals process for failed inspections; (3) establishes an annual \$50 license and renewal fee to be deposited into the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund. Applies the new regulatory structure to the AGR Director's existing authority for rulemaking, testing, mitigating disease, investigations and inspections, and civil penalties.

Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$7,500 annually for the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund.

Executive

AGRCD22 Animal and Consumer Protection Fund**R.C. 943.04, 943.26, 943.27, 943.99, 901.43**

Eliminates the Livestock Care Standards Fund and Dangerous and Restricted Animal Fund and redirects the money credited to those funds to the existing Animal and Consumer Protection Fund.

Redirects money collected from livestock dealer and broker fees and fines imposed for violating the law governing livestock dealers from the Animal and Consumer Protection and Laboratory Fund to the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund.

Requires the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund to be used to administer the laws governing dangerous wild animals and restricted snakes, livestock dealers, and captive cervid.

AGRCD19 High Volume Dog Breeder Kennel and Pet Store Funds**R.C. 956.18, 956.181**

Renames the High Volume Breeder Kennel Control License Fund the Commercial Dog Breeding Fund.

Abolishes the Pet Store License Fund and requires all pet store license fees and civil penalties assessed against pet stores to be credited to the Commercial Dog Breeding Fund.

AGRCD2 Amusement ride fees**R.C. 993.04**

Expands the current amusement ride classifications that apply to annual inspection from four currently to (1) kiddie rides, (2) family rides, (3) major rides, (4) spectacular rides (5) family/portable roller coaster, (6) tower rides, and (7) large roller coaster.

Increases the following inspection and reinspection fees: Family rides from \$160 to \$200; major rides from \$140 to \$300; spectacular rides from \$160 to \$400; tower rides from \$160 to \$1,800; and large roller coaster from \$1,200 to \$4,000.

Replaces the current flat \$104 inspection or reinspection fee for inflatable rides with the following: For three or fewer at the same location and with the same owner, \$100 each. For three such rides, \$75 each. For 11 or more, \$50 each. Decreases the permit fee for inflatables from \$225 to \$100.

Fiscal effect: Estimated loss of approximately \$222,000 annually in permit fees. Partially offsetting gain in inspection fees. Receipts are deposited into the Amusement Ride Safety Fund (Fund 5780).

AGRCD14 Food processing establishment exemption**R.C. 3715.021**

Exempts a small egg producer (500 or fewer birds) from food processing establishment regulations.

Requires AGR Director to establish standards for manufacturing practices.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive**AGRCD24 Scrap tire fee****R.C. 3734.901**

Makes permanent the \$1.00 fee levied on each tire sold, 50¢ of which is deposited into the Scrap Tire Management Fund and 50¢ of which is deposited into the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund.

Fiscal effect: Continues revenue from the fee beyond the current law expiration date of June 30, 2026 into the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0).

AGRCD4 Soil and Water Division**Section: 211.20**

Earmarks \$500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 700428, Soil and Water Division, to provide grants to local governments for developing or updating local land use plans.

AGRCD5 County Agricultural Societies**Section: 211.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 700501, County Agricultural Societies, be used to reimburse county and independent agricultural societies for expenses related to Junior Fair activities.

AGRCD6 Soil and Water District Support**Section: 211.20**

Earmarks \$4,200,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 700509, Soil and Water District Support, to be used to support county soil and water conservation districts in priority regions designated by the AGR Director for (1) staffing costs, and (2) to assist in soil testing and nutrient management plan development.

AGRCD7 Soil and Water Districts**Section: 211.20**

Allows AGR, in addition to state matching payments, to use Fund 5BV0 ALI 700661, Soil and Water Districts, to pay any soil and water conservation district an annual amount not to exceed \$40,000. Requires these payments to be deposited into the district's Special Fund.

AGRCD8 H2Ohio Fund**Section: 211.20**

Requires AGR to establish programs to assist in reducing total phosphorous and dissolved reactive phosphorus in the Western Lake Erie Basin and other regions designated by the AGR Director. Requires that Fund 6H20 ALI 700670, H2Ohio, be used to support these programs, including (1) purchasing various nutrient placement and testing equipment, (2) creating a revolving loan program, and (3) providing matching funds for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

Executive

AGRCD9 Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating

Section: 211.20

Requires Fund 7057 ALI 700632, Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating, to be used to administer the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program.

AGRCD27 Transfer from the GRF to the H2Ohio Fund

Section: 512.10

Allows the OBM Director to transfer \$270,276,066 in FY 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20).

Executive

ARTCD1 Federal Support

Section: 217.20

Requires Fund 3140 ALI 370601, Federal Support, to be used for subsidies only, and not for administrative costs, unless required by the federal grant.

Executive

AGOCD1 Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science

Section: 221.20

Earmarks \$650,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses, for the Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green State University for fostering forensic science research techniques (BCI Eminent Scholar) and creating professional training opportunities to students (BCI Scholars) in the forensic science fields.

AGOCD2 Narcotics task forces

Section: 221.20

Earmarks up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses, to support narcotics task forces funded by AGO.

AGOCD3 Domestic violence programs

Section: 221.20

Earmarks \$100,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses, to fund domestic violence programs.

AGOCD4 BCIRS Lease Rental Payments

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055406, BCIRS Lease Rental Payments, to be used for payments in FY 2026 and FY 2027, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into for the financing of costs associated with the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation Records System (BCIRS).

AGOCD5 County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement, to be used to supplement the annual compensation of county sheriffs. Permits, at the request of AGO, the transfer of appropriation from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses, to GRF ALI 055411 to fund the supplemental annual compensation of county sheriffs.

AGOCD6 County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement, to be used to supplement the annual compensation of certain county prosecutors. Permits, at the request of AGO, the transfer of appropriation from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses, to GRF ALI 055415 to fund the supplemental annual compensation of county prosecutors.

Executive

AGOCD7 Drug Abuse Response Team Grant Program**Section: 221.20**

Requires AGO to maintain the Drug Abuse Response Team Grant Program to replicate or expand successful law enforcement programs that address the opioid epidemic similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team established by the Lucas County Sheriff's Department, and the Quick Response Teams established in Colerain Township's Department of Public Safety in Hamilton County and Summit County. Permits any grants awarded to include requirements for private or nonprofit matching support.

Requires GRF ALI 055431, Drug Abuse Response Team Grants, to be used by AGO to fund grants to law enforcement or other government agencies primarily for the purpose noted above.

Requires that each recipient of funding submit, within six months of the end date of the grant, a written report describing the outcomes that resulted from the grant to the Governor, President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the minority leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

AGOCD8 Drug Testing Equipment**Section: 221.20**

Requires GRF ALI 055432, Drug Testing Equipment, to be used to purchase, operate, and maintain drug testing equipment for the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

AGOCD9 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force**Section: 221.20**

Requires GRF ALI 055434, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to be used to support the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

AGOCD10 Victims of Crime**Section: 221.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 055441, Victims of Crime, to be allocated for the Crime Victim Compensation Program.

Requires AGO, prior to using this ALI, and to the extent possible, first use funds related to the federal Victims of Crime Act.

AGOCD11 Cleveland Rape Crisis Center**Section: 221.20**

Earmarks \$300,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055501, Rape Crisis Centers, to be distributed to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center to provide services for at-risk youth through the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center Human Trafficking Drop-in Center.

Executive

AGOCD12 School Safety Training Grants

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055502, School Safety Training Grants, to be used by AGO, in consultation with the DEW Director and the Director of Behavioral Health to make grants for school safety and school climate programs and training to public and chartered nonpublic schools, educational service centers, local law enforcement agencies, and schools operated by county boards of developmental disabilities.

Permits grants to be used for: (a) school resource officer certification training, (b) any type of active shooter and school safety training or equipment, (c) all grade level type educational resources, (d) training to identify and assist students with mental health issues, (e) school supplies or equipment related to school safety or for implementing the school's safety plan, and (f) any other training, supplies, services, or equipment related to school safety.

Requires participating schools, educational service centers, and county boards to work with or contract with the county sheriff's office or the appropriate local police department to develop these programs and training. Prohibits any grant awarded directly to a local law enforcement agency, or nonprofit or charitable training organization on the local law enforcement agency's behalf, to be used to fund a similar request made by a school located within the jurisdiction of the local law enforcement agency.

Allows AGO to make payments directly to school or law enforcement nonprofit or charitable training organizations on behalf of any public and chartered nonpublic schools, educational service centers, local law enforcement agencies, and schools operated by county boards of developmental disabilities administering special education services.

AGOCD13 Domestic Violence Programs

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, to be used by AGO to fund domestic violence programs.

AGOCD14 Finding My Childhood Again Pilot Program

Section: 221.20

Earmarks \$300,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, to be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties for expenses related to the creation and implementation of a pilot program called "Finding my Childhood Again."

AGOCD15 Battered women's shelters

Section: 221.20

Earmarks \$50,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, to be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties for the cost of operating the commercial kitchen located at its Market Street Facility.

Earmarks \$50,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, to be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Portage County.

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AGOCD16 Transportation grants

Section: 221.20

Earmarks \$25,000 in FY 2026 from GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, for grants to Ohio domestic violence shelters to purchase travel vouchers, ridesharing credits, and gas cards for eligible clients.

AGOCD17 Pike County Capital Case

Section: 221.20

Reappropriates the available balance of GRF ALI 055505, Pike County Capital Case, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively, for the same purpose.

AGOCD18 Law Enforcement Training

Section: 221.20

Requires Fund QG18 ALI 055675, Law Enforcement Training, to be used by AGO for state funding of the training of peace officers and troopers. Permits AGO to use up to \$100,000 for administrative expenses associated with the program.

AGOCD19 Collections System Lease Rental Payments

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund 4190 ALI 055668, Collections System Lease Rental Payments, be used to finance payments related to the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Attorney General New Collection System.

AGOCD20 Workers' Compensation Section

Section: 221.20

Permits the Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 1950) to receive quarterly payments from BWC and OIC to fund legal services provided by AGO to those two state agencies. Requires BWC to transfer quarterly payments for the support of AGO's Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit. Requires the amounts of these quarterly payments to be mutually agreed upon by AGO, BWC, and OIC.

AGOCD21 General Holding Account

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund R004 ALI 055631, General Holding Account, be used to distribute money under the terms of relevant court orders or other settlements received in a variety of cases involving AGO. Appropriates additional amounts if it is determined that they are necessary for this purpose.

Executive

AGOCD22 Antitrust Settlements

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund R005 ALI 055632, Antitrust Settlements, be used to distribute money under the terms of relevant court orders or other out-of-court settlements in antitrust cases or antitrust matters involving AGO. Appropriates additional amounts if it is determined that they are necessary for this purpose.

AGOCD23 Charitable Settlement Holding Account

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund 5BY1 ALI 055674, Charitable Settlement Holding Account, be used to distribute money in the Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1) under the terms of relevant court orders or other settlements received in the charitable law cases involving AGO.

Creates the Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1) in the state treasury.

Requires AGO, on July 1, 2025 or as soon as possible thereafter, to certify to the OBM Director the amount of cash receipts related to settlements received in charitable law cases and credited to the General Holding Account (Fund R004).

Requires the OBM Director to transfer the amount certified from Fund R004 to Fund 5BY1.

AGOCD24 Consumer Frauds

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund R018 ALI 055630, Consumer Frauds, be used to distribute money from court-ordered judgments against sellers in actions brought by AGO to provide restitution to consumers victimized by the fraud that generated the court-ordered judgments. Appropriates additional amounts if it is determined that they are necessary for this purpose.

AGOCD25 Organized Crime Commission Distributions

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund R042 ALI 055601, Organized Crime Commission Distributions, be used by the Organized Crime Investigations Commission to reimburse political subdivisions for expenses incurred when their law enforcement officers participate in an organized crime task force. Appropriates additional amounts if it is determined that they are necessary for this purpose.

AGOCD26 Collection Payment Redistribution

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund R054 ALI 055650, Collection Payment Redistribution, be used for paying contingency counsel fees in cases where debtors mistakenly paid the client agencies instead of AGO's Collections Enforcement Section. Appropriates additional amounts if it is determined that they are necessary for this purpose.

Executive

MHACD5 Renaming of the Department and Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services**R.C. 121.02, 5119.011, with conforming changes in numerous sections (primarily Chapters 340., 5119., 5122)**

Changes the name of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH).

Changes the name of the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services to the Director of Behavioral Health.

Fiscal effect: Increase in costs to change signage, documents, website, etc. to reflect the new name.

MHACD7 Evaluation of mental health**R.C. 2945.401**

Specifies the following if DBH recommends the termination of a person's commitment or the first of any nonsecured status:

(1) Eliminates the requirement that the person be evaluated by a local forensic center examiner, but retains the requirement that DBH or another entity housing the person must make regular reports to the court as to whether the person remains a person with a mental illness subject to a court order or person with an intellectual disability subject to institutionalization by court order.

(2) Allows the prosecutor to request an independent evaluation of the person's mental health.

(3) Allows specified examiners to conduct the evaluation, rather than only a local forensic center's examiner.

Fiscal effect: Currently two separate evaluations are performed before conditional release. Under the bill, the evaluation by the local forensic center examiner is by judicial discretion, so if fewer evaluations are performed there could be savings.

MHACD1 Behavioral Health Drug Reimbursement Program**R.C. 5119.19**

Changes the funding model used by the Behavioral Health Drug Reimbursement Program from one that is solely reimbursement to one of financial assistance, where allocations of state funds to counties for certain drugs administered in jails and correctional facilities may be provided either after or before the counties have incurred the drug costs.

Fiscal effect: This will allow funds to be provided before costs have been incurred as well.

MHACD29 Community behavioral health clinics**R.C. 5119.211, 337.200**

Permits DBH to establish a process and standards for the certification of certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHCs).

Permits DBH to coordinate with local, state, and federal government entities to assist with the development and establishment of CCBHCs.

States that the ability of DBH to establish a process and standards for the state certification of CCBHCs is contingent on state and federal funding.

Requires DBH, if state or federal funding is insufficient for these activities, to determine whether, and to what extent, pilot projects or other initiatives to support an integrated care approach for the provision of substance use disorder and mental health treatment can be implemented.

Executive

MHACD2 Grounds for disciplinary action

R.C. 5119.33, 5119.34, 5119.36, 5119.99

Consolidates the reasons for which DBH may impose disciplinary actions, with respect to hospital licensure, residential facility licensure, and certification of services and support, by allowing the actions to be taken on the same grounds at any time, either when an initial license or certification is sought or after it has been received.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

MHACD3 Notice of adverse actions taken by other regulators

R.C. 5119.334, 5119.343, 5119.367

Specifies that "adverse action," in the context of which regulatory actions must be reported to DBH when applying for initial or renewed licensure or certification and as otherwise required, does not include disciplinary actions taken by DBH itself.

Extends the duty to report adverse actions to DBH by also requiring reports to be made of adverse actions taken against a subsidiary of an applicant or its owner or operator.

Permits DBH to impose sanctions based on adverse actions not only when it receives a required notice, but also when it otherwise becomes aware of an adverse action, as long as the action was taken in the preceding three-year period.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

MHACD9 Summary suspension of residential facilities

R.C. 5119.344, 5119.34

Allows DBH to suspend the license of a class one residential facility serving children without a prior hearing for specified reasons primarily related to actual harm or the risk of harm to a child under the care and supervision of the residential facility.

Fiscal effect: Potential reduction in hearing costs.

MHACD4 Subsidiaries of opioid treatment programs

R.C. 5119.37

Clarifies, regarding the persons who are considered in conjunction with a provider's application to operate an opioid treatment program, that each of those persons must have a record of being in good standing, in all other program locations, during the preceding three-year period.

Extends the good standing requirement to each subsidiary of the provider and its owner or sponsor.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

MHACD8 Recovery housing residences - confidentiality of investigative materials

R.C. 5119.393, 5119.394

Establishes confidentiality requirements regarding complaints and information received or generated by DBH or its contractors in the investigation of complaints involving recovery housing residences.

Allows for disclosure of complaint information in identified circumstances, including (1) when required by law, (2) when shared with other regulatory agencies or officers, (3) when admitted into evidence in a criminal trial or administrative hearing if appropriate measures are taken to ensure confidentiality, and (4) when included by reference as part of DBH's registry of recovery housing residences, as long as DBH makes its best effort to protect confidentiality.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

MHACD6 Billing for care in state-operated psychiatric hospitals

R.C. 5121.33, 5121.43, 5121.30, 5121.32, 5121.34, 5121.41

Permits DBH to bill, for care and treatment in a state-operated hospital for mental illness, an amount for each day of patient admission by calculating the charge according to either the hospital's per diem charge or its ancillary per diem rate, whichever DBH determines applies, rather than using only the per diem charge as currently provided.

Requires, if a patient has health benefits that cover an amount that is less than the calculated charge for the patient's hospital care and treatment, that the patient (or the patient's estate or liable relatives) pay the lesser of the following: (1) the balance that remains after subtracting the benefits that were paid or (2) the amount that applies after DBH takes into consideration the full-charge exceptions that are available under existing law, including discounts based on income level and other forms of payment reductions.

Eliminates a corresponding provision that excludes patients with health benefits from receiving discounts or other forms of payment reductions.

Fiscal effect: According to DBH, this language might reduce the financial burden on individual patients who are the responsible payor source for hospital-related billing. However, due to the relatively low volume of such circumstances, reductions to the amounts of these payments will not have a significant effect on revenues.

MHACD10 State block grants

Section: 337.20

Permits DBH, in FY 2026 and FY 2027, to allocate specified GRF ALIs, as well as any other GRF or Dedicated Purpose funds determined by DBH, to ADAMHS boards through state block grants. Requires state block grants to provide flexibility within established allowable uses for ADAMHS boards to disburse funds to behavioral providers to provide specified activities. Requires the DBH Director to adopt guidelines on the eligible uses of state block grants.

Requires DBH to create a uniform reporting structure related to the expenditures, uses, and outcomes of the state block grants. Requires data to be made available in accordance with best practices and federal and state laws.

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Requires DBH to disburse state block grants to ADAMHS boards in accordance with a methodology developed by the DBH Director. Requires the Director to consider various factors such as population indicators, poverty rates, and FY 2025 award amounts when determining the methodology.

Requires a portion of GRF ALI 336406, Prevention and Wellness, be used to create a Prevention State Block Grant (see MHACD11 for specific earmark amounts) that ADAMHS boards must use to fund evidence-based or evidence-informed early intervention, suicide, and other prevention services.

Requires a portion of GRF ALI 336407, Crisis Services and Stabilization, be used to create a Crisis Services State Block Grant to fund crisis services and supports.

Requires portions of GRF ALI 336421, Continuum of Care Services, to create block grants that ADAMHS boards must use as follows: (1) Mental Health State Block Grant to fund mental health services and recovery supports; (2) Substance Use Disorder State Block Grant to fund alcohol and drug addiction services and recovery supports; and (3) Recovery Supports State Block Grant to fund recovery supports. (See MHACD15 for specific earmark amounts)

Requires a portion of GRF ALI 336422, Criminal Justice Services, to create a Criminal Justice Services Block Grant (see MHACD16 for specific earmark amounts) that ADAMHS boards must use to fund services and supports to incarcerated individuals and individuals being discharged from prisons and jails.

Requires the DBH Director to establish allowable uses for each state block grant, including specified activities.

MHACD11 Prevention and wellness

Section: 337.30

Makes the following earmarks in GRF ALI 336406, Prevention and Wellness, in each fiscal year:

- (1) Up to \$3,000,000 to be distributed to ADAMHS boards through the Prevention State Block Grant (see MHACD10 for description).
- (2) Up to \$2,500,000 to support suicide prevention efforts.
- (3) Up to \$2,150,000 to increase access to early identification and prevention of behavioral health disorders across the lifespan.

MHACD12 Action resiliency network

Section: 337.40

Requires GRF ALI 336409, State of Ohio Action Resiliency Network, to be used for the State of Ohio Action for Resiliency Network and a strategic research agenda and capacity needed to conduct research, clinical trials, direct care, telehealth, data collection, and workforce training pertaining to innovative practices in behavioral prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery.

MHACD13 Hospital services

Section: 337.50

Allows GRF ALI 336412, Hospital Services, to be used for any of the following purposes:

- (1) Supporting all operations related to the hospitals established, controlled, or supervised by DBH.

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- (2) Supporting physical environments that are designed for patients to receive assessment, evaluation, and stabilization interventions within general hospitals.
- (3) Establishing and operating the Pretrial Behavioral Health Intervention Pilot Program (see MHACD30).
- (4) Providing jails and associated health care providers with access to telehealth consultations with psychiatric specialists.

MHACD14 Mental health facilities lease rental bond payments

Section: 337.60

Requires GRF ALI 336415, Mental Health Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used to meet all payments during the biennium by DBH under leases and agreements associated with capital facilities.

MHACD15 Continuum of care services

Section: 337.70

Requires that GRF ALI 336421, Continuum of Care Services, be used as follows:

- (1) Up to \$69,500,000 in each fiscal year allocated to ADAMHS boards through the Mental Health State Block Grant (see MHACD10 for description).
- (2) Up to \$9,500,000 in each fiscal year allocated to ADAMHS boards through the Substance Use Disorder State Block Grant (see MHACD10 for description).
- (3) Up to \$19,500,000 in each fiscal year allocated to ADAMHS boards through the Recovery Supports State Block Grant (see MHACD10 for description).
- (4) \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year must be used to expand statewide access to rapid mobile response and stabilization services provided to youth experiencing an emotional or behavioral health crisis and their families.
- (5) Up to \$455,000 in each fiscal year to implement the certification or accreditation of recovery housing residences and related requirements.
- (6) Up to \$400,000 in each fiscal year to provide funding for community projects across the state that focus on support for families, assisting families in avoiding crisis, and crisis intervention.
- (7) \$225,000 in each fiscal year to LifeTown Columbus to provide additional support for facility renovations and operations.

MHACD16 Criminal Justice Services

Section: 337.80

Requires GRF ALI 336422, Criminal Justice Services, be used as follows:

- (1) Up to \$6,800,000 in each fiscal year to ADAMHS boards through the Criminal Justice State Block Grant (see MHACD10 for description).
- (2) Up to \$5,250,000 in each fiscal year must be allocated for the Behavioral Health Drug Reimbursement Program.

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(3) Requires the remainder of ALI 336422 be used for specified activities including forensic psychiatric evaluations to courts of common pleas, evaluations of patients in forensic status at facilities operated or designated by DBH, workforce initiatives, competency restorations, specialized dockets, and outpatient treatment programs.

MHACD17 Specialized Docket Support**Section: 337.90**

Requires GRF ALI 336425, Specialized Docket Support, to be used to defray a portion of the annual payroll costs associated with the specialized docket of a common pleas court, municipal court, county court, juvenile court, or family court that meets all specified eligibility requirements.

Permits ALI 336425 to be used to defray costs associated with treatment services and recovery supports for participants.

Requires a specialized docket to have received Supreme Court initial or final certification and include participants with behavioral health needs in its target population to be eligible.

Requires DBH to use up to 1% in each fiscal year of ALI 336425 to pay the cost it incurs in administering these duties.

Permits DBH, in consultation with the Supreme Court, to adopt funding distribution methodology, guidelines, and procedures as necessary to carry out these duties.

MHACD18 Community Innovations**Section: 337.100**

Permits GRF ALI 336504 Community Innovations, to be used by DBH to make targeted investments in programs, projects, or systems operated by or under the authority of other state agencies, governmental entities, or private not-for-profit agencies that impact, or are impacted by, the operations and functions of DBH, with the goal of achieving a net reduction GRF expenditures and/or improved outcomes for Ohio citizens without a net increase in GRF spending.

Requires the DBH Director to identify and evaluate programs, projects, or systems proposed or operated outside of DBH's authority, where targeted investment of funds is expected to decrease demand for DBH or other resources funded from GRF, and/or to measurably improve outcomes for Ohio citizens with mental illness, or with alcohol, drug, or gambling addictions.

Grants the DBH Director discretion to provide funds from GRF ALI 336504 to private not-for-profit agencies in amounts determined most likely to achieve state savings and/or improved outcomes.

Requires DBH to enter into an agreement with each recipient receiving funds and specifies what information is to be identified in the agreement.

Earmarks up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 336504 to support workforce development initiatives.

Earmarks up to \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 336504 to provide behavioral health access and opportunities.

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Earmarks up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 336504 to support the creation and expansion of programs established by peer-run organizations for the purpose of offering individuals with a mental illness, or a mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorder, opportunities for employment, housing, education, and access to medical and psychiatric services. Requires programs and facilities to be operated in accordance with model standards and benchmarks selected by DBH.

Earmarks up to \$15,000,000 in FY 2026 in GRF ALI 336504 to establish and sustain health information systems for providers licensed or certified by DBH.

MHACD19 Residential State Supplement**Section: 337.110**

Permits DBH to use GRF ALI 336510, Residential State Supplement, to implement and operate the Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program.

MHACD20 Appalachian Children Coalition**Section: 337.115**

Requires GRF ALI 336516, Appalachian Children Coalition, to be provided to the Appalachian Children Coalition to address systemic challenges children face in Appalachian Ohio.

MHACD21 Medicaid Support**Section: 337.120**

Requires GRF ALI 652321, Medicaid Support, to be used to fund specified Medicaid services as delegated by ODM.

MHACD22 9-8-8 Lifeline**Section: 337.130**

Requires the following to be used to support statewide operations and related activities of the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and mental health treatment and response: Fund 5AA1 ALI 336661, 988 Suicide and Crisis Response, and Fund QG18 ALI 336668, 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Response.

MHACD23 Coordinated specialty care for first episode psychosis**Section: 337.140**

Earmarks up to \$2,400,000 in each fiscal year in Fund QG18 ALI 336667, Treatment Prevention, and Education, to support coordinated specialty care (CSC) for individuals experiencing first episode psychosis (FEP) and receiving care from a CSC for FEP team housed within a provider certified or licensed by DBH.

MHACD24 Problem gambling and casino addiction**Section: 337.150**

Requires a portion of Fund 5T90 ALI 336629, Problem Gambling and Casino Addiction, to be allocated to ADAMHS boards in accordance with a methodology determined by the DBH Director.

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MHACD25 Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Program and GRF cash transfer to Fund 5VV0

Section: 337.160, 512.10

Requires Fund 5VV0 ALI 336645, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Program, to be used for the Electroencephalogram (EEG) Combined Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Program.

Allows the OBM Director to transfer \$4,000,000 cash in each fiscal year from the GRF to the Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Fund (Fund 5VV0).

MHACD26 Access Success II Program

Section: 337.170

Permits the OBM Director, to the extent cash is available, to transfer cash from a fund designated by the Medicaid Director to the Sale of Goods and Services Fund (Fund 1490). Appropriates any transferred cash.

Requires the transferred funds to be used to administer the Access Success II Program to help non-Medicaid patients in hospitals established, controlled, or supervised by DBH transition from inpatient status to a community setting.

MHACD27 Cash transfer from the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund.

Section: 337.180

Requires, on a schedule determined by the OBM Director, the DBH Director to certify the amount of excess license reinstatement fees that are available to be transferred from the Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund (Fund 7049) to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750). Permits, upon certification, the OBM Director to transfer cash from Fund 7049 to Fund 4750.

MHACD28 Statewide mobile crisis system

Section: 337.190

Requires DBH to coordinate with other government entities to develop and establish a statewide mobile crisis services system. States that the development of this system is contingent on adequate funding and if funding is insufficient DBH is required to explore pilot projects or other initiatives for the provision of mobile crisis services.

MHACD30 Pretrial Behavioral Health Intervention Pilot Program

Section: 751.10

Requires DBH to establish a pretrial behavioral health intervention pilot program with DRC, if funding is appropriated by the General Assembly.

Establishes that the purpose of the pilot program is to divert jailed defendants with serious mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders from the criminal justice system into community-based treatment and support services.

Requires the pilot program to operate from October 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029 in three areas of the state selected by the DBH Director.

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Requires entities selected by DBH to operate the program to screen defendants identified by local prosecutors for program eligibility and to develop individualized treatment plans for eligible defendants.

Permits the dismissal or modification of a defendant's criminal charges after successful completion of the treatment plan.

Requires each participating defendant to agree in writing to participate in the program and consent to the release of medical records.

Requires DBH to submit a report to various individuals by March 1, 2029, containing an evaluation of the pilot program and recommendations for its future.

Executive

CRBCD1 Motor Vehicle Repair Board

R.C. 4775.07, 4775.08

Requires CRB to adopt rules to establish the initial and renewal fees for motor vehicle repair registration certificates and eliminates the existing requirement that CRB seek CEB approval to adjust the fees by no more than 50% of the current statutory fee amount of \$150 (the current statutory cap is \$225, which is the amount charged by the Board, plus a \$3.50 charge for eLicensing).

Requires CRB to establish the fees as necessary to cover the expenses associated with carrying out its duties.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal one-time costs to establish the fees; potential annual revenue gain, dependent on the fee established.

Executive**ETCCD1 Statehouse News Bureau****Section: 281.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 935401, Statehouse News Bureau, be used solely to support the operation of the Ohio Statehouse News Bureau.

ETCCD2 Ohio Government Telecommunications Services**Section: 281.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 935402, Ohio Government Telecommunications Services, be used to support the operations of Ohio Government Telecommunications Services, including to provide multimedia support to the state government and its affiliated organizations and broadcasting the activities of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government.

ETCCD3 Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution**Section: 281.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 935410, Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution, be used for the development, acquisition, and distribution of information resources by public media and radio reading services and for educational use in the classroom and online. Makes the following earmarks:

- (1) Up to \$965,000 in each fiscal year to be allocated equally among Ohio's educational television stations for the production of interactive instructional programming, with priority given to resources aligned with state academic content standards.
- (2) Up to \$2,650,000 in each fiscal year to support the operations of Ohio's qualified public educational television stations and radio stations. Requires these funds to be distributed pursuant to an allocation formula used by BEMC in consultation with Ohio's qualified public educational television stations and radio stations.
- (3) Up to \$294,000 in each fiscal year to support the operations of Ohio's qualified radio reading services. Requires these funds to be distributed pursuant to an allocation formula used by BEMC in consultation with Ohio's qualified radio reading services.

Executive

OBMCD38 Removal of Office of Budget and Management from boards**R.C. 125.181, (repealed), Section 4505.09**

Repeals the law requiring the DAS Director to establish the State Information Technology Investment Board within DAS.

Removes the OBM Director as a nonvoting member of the Automated Title Processing Board.

Fiscal effect: None.**OBMCD41 Federal grant suspension****R.C. 126.10**

Allows state programs to be reduced, suspended, or discontinued if the federal government reduces, suspends, or discontinues any corresponding federal program which provides funds for the state program.

Fiscal effect: Potentially reduces state expenditures in the event of a change in federal funding.**OBMCD39 OBM support services****R.C. 126.42**

Authorizes OBM to perform routine support services for any board or commission as requested instead of just for professional or occupational licensing boards or commissions as under current law.

Adds the New African Immigrants Commission to the list of enumerated boards for which OBM must perform routine support services.

Fiscal effect: None.**OBMCD40 Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund****R.C. 126.67**

Creates the Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund to receive all funding awarded to the state to address the effects of the opioid crisis.

Fiscal effect: None.**OBMCD32 Federal medical assistance percentage for expansion eligibility group****R.C. 126.70**

Requires ODM to immediately terminate medical assistance for members of the Medicaid expansion eligibility group (Group VIII) if the federal government sets the federal medical assistance percentage below 90%.

Fiscal effect: Group VIII's projected caseload is 779,000 in FY 2026 and 772,000 in FY 2027, with expenditures of \$6.66 billion and \$6.93 billion, respectively. The federal and state shares are 90% and 10%, respectively.

Executive

OBMCD34 State Land Royalty Fund**R.C. 131.50**

Revises the requirements and procedures regarding money transferred from the existing State Land Royalty Fund (SLRF) to individual funds administered by state agencies from revenue generated by oil and gas leases on state land as follows:

- (1) Creates the Natural Resources Land Royalty Fund to consist of money from leased mineral rights on land owned or controlled by ODNR and the Transportation Land Royalty Fund to consist of money from leased mineral rights on land owned or controlled by ODOT.
 - (2) Requires the OBM Director to transfer cash from the SLRF to these two funds at the request of a state agency entitled to receive such revenue, rather than requiring the Treasurer of State, in consultation with the OBM Director, to disburse money from the SLRF to the appropriate fund designated by the state agency within 30 days following deposit into the SLRF.
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OBMCD33 Audit costs**Section: 229.20**

Requires all costs associated with single audit schedules or financial statements prepared in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles for the state to be paid from Fund 1050 ALI 042603, Financial Management.

Requires costs associated with the audit of the AOS to be paid from GRF ALI 042321, Operating Expenses.

OBMCD35 Shared services center**Section: 229.20**

Requires Fund 1050 ALI 042603, Financial Management, to be used to support the Shared Services program pursuant to accounting duties of the OBM Director, as enumerated in codified law.

Requires the OBM Director to (1) include the recovery of costs to operate the Shared Services program in the accounting and budgeting services payroll rate and through direct charges billed to agencies for services rendered using a methodology determined by the OBM Director and (2) deposit cost recovery revenues into Fund 1050.

OBMCD36 Internal audit**Section: 229.20**

Requires the OBM Director to include the recovery of costs to operate the Internal Audit Program in the accounting and budgeting services payroll rate billed to agencies using a methodology determined by the OBM Director. Requires such cost recovery revenues to be deposited into Fund 1050.

Executive

OBMCD37 Forgery recovery**Section: 229.20**

Requires Fund 5EH0 ALI 042604, Forgery Recovery, to be used to reissue warrants that have been certified as forgeries by the rightful recipient as determined by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and TOS. Requires the OBM Director to reissue a state warrant upon receipt of funds to cover the reissuance of the warrant. Appropriates any additional amounts needed to reissue warrants backed by receipt of funds.

OBMCD5 Personal service expenditures**Section: 503.10**

Requires any appropriation from which personal service expenses are paid to bear the employer's share of various costs, unless otherwise prohibited by law. Requires that these costs be determined in conformity with the appropriate sections of law and paid in accordance with procedures specified by OBM. Permits expenditures from Fund 1090 ALI 070601, Public Audit Expense - Intra-State, to be exempted from this requirement.

OBMCD6 Satisfaction of judgements and settlements against the state**Section: 503.20**

Permits the use of certain appropriations to satisfy judgments, settlements, and administrative awards ordered or approved by the Court of Claims or by any other court of competent jurisdiction in connection with civil actions against the state.

OBMCD7 Capital project settlements**Section: 503.30**

Specifies an additional and supplemental procedure to provide for payments of judgments and settlements if the OBM Director determines that sufficient unencumbered moneys do not exist in the particular appropriation to pay the amount of a final judgment rendered against the state or a state agency, including the settlement of a claim approved by a court, in an action upon and arising out of a contractual obligation for the construction or improvement of a capital facility if the costs under the contract were payable in whole or in part from a state capital projects appropriation.

OBMCD8 Re-issuance of voided warrants**Section: 503.40**

Appropriates funds for the reissuance of voided warrants under codified law concerning warrants, when approved by OBM.

OBMCD9 Reappropriation of unexpended unencumbered balances of operating appropriations**Section: 503.50**

Reappropriates on July 1 of the following fiscal year unexpended operating appropriations encumbered prior to the close of FY 2025 and FY 2026 for the following time periods:

(1) Not more than 5 months for encumbrances for personal services, maintenance, equipment, or items for resale;

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(2) Not more than 5 months for encumbrances for an item of special order manufacture not available on state contract or in the open market, or not more than 12 months with written approval of the OBM Director;

(3) When the encumbrance is expended for encumbrances for reclamation of land or oil and gas wells;

(4) For any period approved by the OBM Director for any other encumbrance as long as the encumbrance doesn't extend beyond the biennium.

Requires encumbrances in (2) above to be reported to the CEB by the OBM Director by December 31 each year. Requires the report to include the item, the cost of the item, and the name of the vendor. Requires the report to be updated on a quarterly basis.

Specifies that these reappropriations lapse after the time periods given above and requires the OBM Director to cancel the encumbrance no later than the end of the weekend following the lapse.

Specifies that if CEB approved a purchase, that approval remains in effect so long as the encumbrance remains.

OBMCD10 Correction of accounting errors**Section: 503.60**

Permits the OBM Director to correct accounting errors committed by OBM staff, such as reestablishing encumbrances or appropriations cancelled in error during the cancellation of operating encumbrances in November and of nonoperating encumbrances in December.

Permits the OBM Director to correct accounting errors committed by the staff of a state agency or state institution of higher education, such as reestablishing prior year nonoperating encumbrances canceled or modified in error. Appropriates the reestablished encumbrance amounts.

OBMCD11 Temporary revenue holding**Section: 503.70**

Permits the OBM Director to create funds in the state treasury for the purpose of temporarily holding revenue required to be credited to a fund in the state treasury, when its disposition is not immediately known at the time of receipt. Requires the OBM Director to credit the revenue to the appropriate fund in the state treasury, once it is identified.

Permits the OBM Director to create funds in the state treasury, upon certification by the head of a state agency, on behalf of a state agency when the agency is required by law to detain funds in escrow. Permits the OBM Director to transfer cash between funds in the state treasury to satisfy escrow requirements.

OBMCD12 Appropriations related to cash transfers and re-establishment of encumbrances**Section: 503.80**

Appropriates any cash transferred by the OBM Director and any amounts necessary to re-establish appropriations or encumbrances, under the OBM Director's powers for making adjustments to capital or operating budgets.

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OBMCD13 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 ALIs within Fund 7014 and make transfers of appropriations to them for projects that were originally funded in Fund 7011.

OBMCD14 Income tax distribution to counties**Section: 503.100**

Appropriates from the GRF sufficient funds to make income tax distribution payments to counties required by income tax law.

OBMCD15 Expenditures and appropriation increases approved by the Controlling Board**Section: 503.110**

Appropriates for the period ending June 30, 2027, any money that the CEB approves for expenditure or any appropriation increase approved by the CEB.

OBMCD16 Funds received for use of governor's residence**Section: 503.120**

Appropriates to ALI 100604, Governor's Residence Gift, any amount received by the Governor's Residence Fund (Fund 4H20) for use of the residence pursuant to codified law concerning the issuance of warrants.

OBMCD17 General obligation debt service payments**Section: 504.10**

Specifies that certain appropriations are for paying debt service and financing costs on general obligation bonds or notes of the state. Appropriates additional amounts, if necessary, to fully fund those costs.

OBMCD18 Lease rental payments for debt service**Section: 504.20**

Specifies that certain appropriations are for making lease rental payments pursuant to leases and agreements relating to bonds, notes, or other obligations of the state. Appropriates additional amounts to fully fund those costs if additional amounts are necessary.

OBMCD19 Authorization for Treasurer of State and OBM to effectuate certain debt service payments**Section: 504.30**

Requires OBM to process payments from general obligation and lease rental payment ALIs during the biennium relating to bonds, notes, or other obligations of the state. Requires payments to be made upon certification by the TOS of the dates and the amounts due on those dates.

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OBMCD20 Arbitrage rebate authorization**Section: 505.10**

Appropriates, from the funds designated by or pursuant to the applicable proceedings authorizing the issuance of state obligations, amounts computed at the time to represent the portion of investment income to be rebated or amounts in lieu of or in addition to any rebate amount to be paid to the federal government in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on those state obligations under the Internal Revenue Code's tax-exempt bond requirements. Requires OBM to approve and voucher rebate payments.

OBMCD21 Statewide indirect cost recovery**Section: 505.20**

Appropriates from available receipts amounts required for statewide indirect costs when the OBM Director has determined that an appropriation made to a state agency for this purpose is insufficient.

OBMCD22 Transfers on behalf of the statewide indirect cost allocation plan**Section: 505.30**

Prohibits total transfers made from the GRF by the OBM Director under the following provisions from exceeding the amounts transferred into the GRF for the purpose of recovering statewide indirect costs under codified law.

Allows an agency director to certify to the OBM Director the amount of expenses not allowed to be included in the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (SWICAP) under federal regulations, from any fund included in the SWICAP, prepared as required by codified law.

Permits the OBM Director, upon determining that no alternative source of funding is available to pay for such expenses, to transfer funds from the GRF to the fund for which the certification is made up to the amount of the certification. Requires an agency director receiving such funds to include a request for funding for such activities from an alternative source as part of the next budget submission.

Allows an agency director to certify to the OBM Director the amount of expenses paid in error from a fund included in the SWICAP. Allows the OBM Director to transfer cash from the fund from which the expenditure should have been made into the fund from which the expenses were erroneously paid, up to the amount of the certification.

Allows an agency director to certify to the OBM Director the amount of expenses or revenues not allowed to be included in the SWICAP under federal regulations, for any fund included in the SWICAP, for which the federal government requires payment. Appropriates from the available receipts of such a fund, up to the amount of the certification, the amount required by the federal government if the OBM Director determines that an appropriation made to a state agency is insufficient to make the payment.

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OBMCD23 Federal government interest requirements**Section: 505.40**

Authorizes the OBM Director to designate the funds that are to retain their own interest earnings in order to reduce the payment of adjustments to the federal government, as determined by the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan prepared pursuant to codified law.

OBMCD24 Federal Cash Management Improvement Act**Section: 505.50**

Allows the OBM Director to cancel and reestablish all or part of encumbrances in like amounts within the funds identified by the plan required to be prepared under codified law for compliance with the Federal Cash Management Improvement Act. Appropriates the amounts necessary to reestablish all or part of the encumbrances.

OBMCD25 Interest earnings for federal funds**Section: 505.60**

Authorizes the OBM Director to designate any fund in the state treasury that receives federal revenue to be credited with investment earnings to comply with federal law, notwithstanding codified law governing the state treasury.

OBMCD42 Repayment of federal funds**Section: 505.70**

Appropriates for the purpose of returning to the federal government in compliance with federal law, any unexpended federal revenue received into the state treasury remaining at the end of its applicable period.

OBMCD26 State Fiscal Recovery Fund**Section: 505.75, 229.30**

Reappropriates the available balance of ALIs under the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund 5CV3) plus an amount equal to cash expended but returned to the fund at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to the following fiscal year.

Permits the OBM Director to create new ALIs under Fund 5CV3 and transfer appropriation among all the fund's ALIs. Requires the OBM Director to report any appropriation transfers to CEB by January 30, 2027.

OBMCD27 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 2025 and FY 2026 to the same ALI and for the same purposes in the following fiscal year: CARES Act School Relief Fund (Fund 3HS0), Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (Fund 3HQ0), Emergency Rental Assistance Fund (Fund 5CV2), ARPA Capital Projects Fund (Fund 5CV5), ARPA Home and Community Based Services - Federal Fund (Fund 3HC8), and ARPA Home and Community Based Services Fund (Fund 5HC8).

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OBMCD28 Transfers in to the GRF**Section: 509.10**

- (1) Authorizes the OBM Director to transfer to the GRF interest earned in any state fund, with the exception of funds that are restricted or protected by the Ohio Constitution, federal tax law, or the federal Cash Management Improvement Act.
- (2) Authorizes the OBM Director to transfer up to \$200,000,000 cash during the biennium, from non-GRF funds that are not constitutionally restricted to the GRF.
- (3) Authorizes the OBM Director to transfer cash as necessary during the biennium, from the School District Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7047) to the GRF.
- (4) Authorizes the OBM Director to transfer cash as necessary during the biennium, from the Local Government Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7081) to the GRF.
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OBMCD29 Fiscal years 2025 and 2026 General Revenue Fund ending balance**Section: 513.10**

Requires that the balance in the GRF on June 30, 2025, and on June 30, 2026, remain in the GRF, notwithstanding codified law governing the GRF ending balance.

OBMCD30 Utility Radiological Safety Board assessments**Section: 514.10**

Specifies the maximum amounts, unless the agency and nuclear electric utility mutually agree to a higher amount by contract, that may be assessed against nuclear electric utilities according to codified law and deposited into the following funds:

- (1) \$136,000 in FY 2026 and \$142,000 in FY 2027 to the Utility Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 4E40) used by AGR;
 - (2) \$1,551,682 in FY 2026 and \$1,598,000 in FY 2027 to the Radiation Emergency Response Fund (Fund 6100) used by ODH;
 - (3) \$274,997 in FY 2026 and \$280,510 in FY 2027 to the ER Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 6440) used by the Ohio EPA; and
 - (4) \$1,420,000 in FY 2026 and \$1,467,000 in FY 2027 to the Emergency Response Plan Fund (Fund 6570) used by ODPS.
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OBMCD31 Cash transfers and abolishment of funds**Section: 516.10**

Authorizes the OBM Director, on July 1, 2025, to transfer the cash balance of several funds to other designated funds. Abolishes the funds from which the cash balance is transferred.

Abolishes another list of funds that are repealed by the bill.

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CSRCD1 Operating Expenses

Section: 231.20

Reappropriates the certified available balance of GRF ALI 874321, Operating Expenses, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively.

CSRCD2 Statehouse Facility Improvements

Section: 231.20

Reappropriates the certified available balance of GRF ALI 874400, Statehouse Facility Improvements, at the end of FY 2026 to FY 2027.

CSRCD3 Capitol Square Improvements

Section: 231.20

Reappropriates the certified available balance of Fund 5AN1 ALI 874608, Capitol Square Improvements, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively.

CSRCD4 Underground Parking Garage Fund

Section: 231.20

Permits the Underground Parking Garage Fund (Fund 2080) to be used for personnel and operating costs related to the operations of the Statehouse and the Statehouse Underground Parking Garage.

CSRCD5 House and Senate parking reimbursement

Section: 231.20

Requires the OBM Director to transfer \$500,000 in each fiscal year from the GRF to the Underground Parking Garage Fund (Fund 2080) for the reimbursement of legislative parking costs.

CSRCD6 Underground Parking Garage Fund transfer

Section: 231.20

Requires the OBM Director to transfer \$1,000,000 in FY 2026 from the Underground Parking Garage Fund (Fund 2080) to the Statehouse Gift Shop/Events Fund (Fund 4S70) for personnel and operating costs related to the operations of the Statehouse Gift Shop and events.

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KIDCD29 Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council changes

R.C. 121.37

Removes the prohibition that an individual whose family receives, or has received, services from an agency represented on a county family and children first council cannot serve on the council if the individual is employed by an agency represented on the council. Requires such an individual to complete a conflict of interest disclosure form and abstain from votes that involve the individual's employer.

Permits, rather than requires, the number of county council members representing families to equal 20% of the council's membership.

Authorizes district level administrative designees to serve on the council instead of the superintendent of the school district with the largest number of pupils in the county and another superintendent representing other districts.

Permits, rather than requires, the administrative agent of the county council to send notice to specified persons when a member has been absent from a specified number of meetings.

Makes technical corrections relating to agency cross references.

Fiscal effect: None.

KIDCD38 DCY duties and responsibilities and conforming changes

R.C. 121.37, 149.43, 1347.08, 2101.16, 2151.3527, 2151.421, 3107.062-3107.065, 3107.391, 3115.201, 3301.0714, 3301.0723, 3301.541, 3701.045, 5101.211, 5101.212, 5101.215, 5101.222, 5101.242, 5101.26, 5101.272, 5101.273, 5101.28, 5101.30, 5101.33, 5101.351, 5101.38, 5101.461, 5101.892, 5101.899, 5103.021, 5103.15, 5103.155, 5103.41, 5104.37, 5104.99, 5123.191, 5139.05, 5139.08, 5139.34, 5153.10; Section 830.10

Makes conforming changes and technical corrections to reflect the transfer of various duties and responsibilities to DCY in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly.

Transfers or adds responsibility related to specified other programs to DCY, including the Putative Father Registry, child fatality review boards, scholars residential centers, access to records of public assistance recipients, access to DCY records by the Youth and Family Ombudsman Office, coordination with DYS, and providing technical assistance to a court-appointed receiver of a DODD-licensed residential facility.

Fiscal effect: Costs relating to programs and activities being transferred or relating to any additional responsibilities will also be transferred to DCY and will be reflected in DCY's budget rather than ODJFS, ODH, or other applicable state agency budgets.

KIDCD41 Prevention services

R.C. 2151.421, 2151.423, 5153.16

Clarifies that existing law regarding referrals by a PCSA and the disclosure of confidential information discovered during an investigation to a prevention services provider applies to prevention services provided to the family, instead of just the child.

Makes it discretionary, rather than mandatory under current law, for a PCSA to refer a family to prevention services if it determines the family would benefit from the services, and if the services are available from a local provider or other reasonable source.

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Clarifies that the existing requirement for a PCSA, as part of its duties, to enter into a contract with an agency providing prevention services, applies when the PCSA refers a family for prevention services.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

KIDCD42 Mandatory reporter of child abuse and neglect

R.C. 2151.421

Adds an employee of an entity providing home visiting services under the Help Me Grow program as a mandated reporter of child abuse and neglect.

Fiscal effect: If additional cases of neglect or abuse are reported, there could be an increase in investigative costs for PCSAs or local enforcement agencies.

KIDCD33 Ohio Adoption Grant Program changes

R.C. 2921.13, 5101.191, 5101.192, 5101.193, 5101.194

Makes the following changes to the Ohio Adoption Grant Program application process:

- (1) Requires that the payment be provided to all eligible applicants to the extent state funds are available for this purpose.
- (2) Requires the adoptive parent to be an Ohio resident at the time the adoption was finalized to be eligible for a grant.
- (3) Makes any person who produces or submits false or misleading documentation or information to DCY for the purpose of receiving a grant guilty of the crime of falsification, a first degree misdemeanor.
- (4) Clarifies that court and legal documents required as part of the application must be certified copies.
- (5) Includes courts among other entities the DCY Director may require to provide documents related to an adoption grant application.
- (6) States that a confidential record submitted to DCY as part of a grant application remains confidential after submission.
- (7) Requires that the DCY Director provide either of the specified one-time grant payments to eligible adoptive parents.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$34.0 million in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 830416, Adoption Grant Program. It is possible that some of the provisions (e.g. requiring the adoptive parent to be an Ohio resident when the adoption is finalized) could reduce the number of grants provided depending on current practice. Additionally, local courts could realize an increase in costs if there are any cases of violations.

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KIDCD34 Foster care adoption waiting period removal

R.C. 3107.012, 3107.031

Removes the minimum six-month period that a foster child must have resided in a foster caregiver's home before the foster caregiver (1) may submit an application to adopt the child and (2) is exempt from adoption home study requirements.

Fiscal effect: If a foster caregiver is able to start an adoption application sooner, and this leads to a quicker adoption process, foster care maintenance costs could be reduced.

KIDCD27 Child abuse and child neglect prevention regions

R.C. 3109.171

Eliminates law establishing eight child abuse and child neglect prevention regions and listing the counties constituting each region, and instead requires the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board, in consultation with DCY, to determine the number of regions and counties within each region.

Requires each county to be included in a child abuse and child neglect prevention region.

Fiscal effect: Minimal costs to determine regions.

KIDCD26 Child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council

R.C. 3109.172, Section 731.10

Reduces the term of each member of a child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council appointed by the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board from three years to two years (maintains the existing two-year term for a council member appointed by a board of county commissioners).

Allows a council member selected as chairperson of a council to be reappointed to a second term by the original appointing authority.

Clarifies that the reappointment of a chairperson by a board of county commissioners is not to be considered to be an appointment under the law that allows a board of county commissioners to appoint up to two members to a council.

Clarifies that a council member serving as of the bill's effective date may complete the member's term of office, despite the bill's reduction in terms of certain members from three years to two years.

Fiscal effect: None.

KIDCD25 Regional prevention coordinator of child abuse and child neglect prevention council

R.C. 3109.173

Makes permissive, instead of mandatory, that the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board select a regional prevention coordinator to oversee each child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council.

Requires Children's Trust Fund staff to serve as regional prevention coordinator for any region without a coordinator that has been selected by the Board.

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Fiscal effect: If a coordinator is not selected, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund would be responsible for performing these duties.

KIDCD28 Start-up costs for children's advocacy centers

R.C. 3109.178

Allows an entity seeking to establish a children's advocacy center to request a one-time payment of up to \$5,000 from the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Board to be used towards start-up costs (existing law allows only a child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council to request this money).

Fiscal effect: Currently, new child advocacy centers have to submit applications to regional prevention councils who in turn submit applications to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. This could allow funding to be granted quicker.

KIDCD22 Preschool and school child program inspections and report

R.C. 3301.57

Requires DCY alone, instead of with DEW, to: (1) provide consultation and technical assistance to entities operating preschool programs or school child programs and in-service training to staff members of those entities; (2) annually inspect each preschool program and licensed school child program; and (3) prepare an annual report on those inspections.

Fiscal effect: Any costs DEW currently incurs relating to these duties will be eliminated.

KIDCD23 Contracts with entities for autism services

R.C. 3323.32

Requires DCY, when applicable, to contract with an entity to administer programs and coordinate services for infants, preschool and school-age children, and adults with autism and low incidence disabilities, mirroring existing law requiring DEW to contract with an entity to administer such programs and coordinate such services.

Also requires the DCY Director, like the DEW Director under current law, to give primary consideration to the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence as the contracting entity.

Fiscal effect: DCY's costs will depend upon the contract amount and the number of contracts necessary.

KIDCD39 DCY recodification

R.C. 5101., and 5180. (renumbering chapter sections); conforming changes in numerous other R.C. sections

Relocates and recodifies numerous Revised Code sections that relate to the duties and responsibilities of DCY to the DCY chapter of the Revised Code (Chapter 5180.) and makes conforming changes as a result.

Makes conforming changes and technical corrections to reflect the transfer of various duties and responsibilities to DCY in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly.

Removes obsolete language.

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Transfers oversight of the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Board and the "Choose Life" Fund to DCY.

Fiscal effect: Costs relating to these programs and activities will be transferred to DCY and reflected in DCY’s budget rather than ODH or other applicable state agency budgets.

KIDCD37 Request for proposals to establish rate cards

R.C. 5101.141, 5101.145

Allows DCY to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to establish statewide rate cards for the placement and care of children eligible for foster care maintenance payments.

Requires, if a request for proposal is issued, DCY to review and accept the reasonable costs to cover specified requirements for each child eligible for foster care maintenance payments.

Makes it discretionary, instead of mandatory under current law, that DCY establish (1) a form for agencies or entities that provide Title IV-E reimbursable placement services to children to report costs reimbursable under Title IV-E and Medicaid and (2) procedures to monitor the cost reports.

Fiscal effect: Potential to standardize rates; impact will depend on how rate cards differ from current foster care maintenance payments.

KIDCD35 Removal of hearing rights for Kinship Support program denials

R.C. 5101.1411, (renumbered as 5180.428)

Removes the requirement for a state hearing when ODJFS or DCY denies or terminates Kinship Support Program payments.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

KIDCD43 Summary suspension of the certificate of an institution or association

R.C. 5103.039

Allows DCY to suspend the certificate of an institution or association (defined generally under existing law as an entity or individual, such as a foster caregiver, receiving or caring for children for two or more consecutive weeks) without a prior hearing for specified reasons primarily related to the actual or risk of harm to a child under the care and supervision of the institution or association.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

KIDCD36 Benefits to children under the custody of a Title IV-E agency

R.C. 5103.09

Requires a Title IV-E agency that receives care and placement of a child to determine if the child is eligible for or receives certain benefits, including payments from the Social Security Administration and survivor benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the state retirement systems.

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Prohibits a Title IV-E agency from using such benefits to pay for or reimburse the agency, county, or state for any cost of the child's care.

Authorizes the DCY Director to adopt rules to implement this provision.

Fiscal effect: Depending on rules adopted, state or local costs could increase if these benefits could no longer be collected and used to help offset costs for providing care to these children. Administrative costs to PCSAs may also increase to screen children for certain benefits if they don't already do so.

KIDCD32 In-home aide publicly funded child care (PFCC) certification

R.C. 5104.12

Removes requirement for in-home aide to be re-certified every two years to provide publicly funded child care (PFCC).

Fiscal effect: CDJFSs could experience administrative savings.

KIDCD44 Payment to providers of PFCC

R.C. 5104.30, 5104.32, 5104.34, 5104.38

Requires payment to PFCC providers to be made prospectively, by changing references to "reimbursement" to "payment" in the PFCC laws.

Changes the contractual payment rate for PFCC to the rate established in DCY rules.

Repeals law that allows an applicant to receive PFCC while a CDJFS determines the applicant's eligibility.

Fiscal effect: This will ensure Ohio's compliance with federal laws and regulations.

KIDCD45 Adjustments to PFCC payment rates

R.C. 5104.302, 5104.30

Requires the DCY Director to contract with a third-party entity to analyze child care price information for each even-numbered year (maintains the requirement that DCY establish the rate by rule in each odd-numbered year).

Authorizes the DCY Director, based on the information analyzed, to adjust provider payment rates for the even-numbered year, and requires the adjustments to be made by rule.

Authorizes the third-party entity under contract with the DCY Director, when analyzing child care price information, to consider the most recent market rate survey.

Fiscal effect: DCY could have increased costs to contract with a third-party entity. Additionally, reimbursements to providers could be adjusted based on the information analyzed under the contract.

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KIDCD24 Advisory councils

R.C. 5104.39, 5104.50 (renumbered 5180.04), 5180.21, 5180.22; Repealed: 5104.08, 5180.23, 5180.34

Requires DCY to create the Children and Youth Advisory Council, replacing the Early Childhood Advisory Council, the Ohio Home Visiting Consortium, the Early Intervention Services Advisory Council, and the Child Care Advisory Council.

States that the purpose of the Council is to advise the Governor regarding prenatal and child-serving systems and to serve as the state advisory council on early childhood education and care and the state interagency coordinating council as required by federal law.

Requires the Governor to appoint the members of the Council.

Requires the Council to create topic-specific advisory groups addressing at least the following: early childhood education and care; children services; maternal and infant vitality; early childhood mental health services and supports; early intervention services.

Exempts the Council from sunset review.

Fiscal effect: DCY may realize administrative costs to support the Council; however, there may also be administrative savings due to the consolidation of these councils.

KIDCD31 PFCC eligibility for homeless families

R.C. 5104.41

Allows for families that are homeless to be considered eligible for publicly funded child care for 12 months.

Aligns Ohio law with the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act that requires eligible families receive 12 months of child care assistance before eligibility is redetermined.

Fiscal effect: This will ensure Ohio's compliance with federal laws and regulations. According to DCY, families that are homeless are currently considered eligible.

KIDCD40 Early Childhood Education Grant Program

R.C. 5104.60, 5104.01, 5104.29, 5104.38

Establishes the Early Childhood Education Grant Program in DCY to support and invest in Ohio's early learning and development programs (defined to include licensed child care centers, licensed family child care homes, and licensed preschools).

Establishes eligibility conditions for participating in the grant program, including that a program (1) satisfy the Step Up to Quality tiered rating specified in rules and (2) provide early learning and development services to one or more preschool-aged children who are citizens or qualified aliens and meet either of the following: have family incomes not exceeding 200% of the federal poverty line or are subject to IEPs, are placed in foster care or kinship care, or are homeless.

Allows up to 2.0% of appropriated funds to be used for program support and technical assistance. Requires the remainder to be distributed to grant recipients.

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Requires the DCY Director to adopt rules to administer the program.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$130.3 million in each fiscal year to GRF ALI 830407 for early childhood education programs.

KIDCD46 Ohio professional registry

R.C. 5104.60

Requires the DCY Director to contract with a third-party entity to develop a registry information system to provide training and professional development opportunities to early learning and development program employees.

Requires the registry information system to comply with requirements set forth in the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act and regulations adopted under the Act.

Requires the DCY Director to give primary consideration to the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) as the contracting entity.

Authorizes OCCRRA, if selected as the contracting entity, to utilize the registry information system that it established prior to the bill's effective date, but only if the DCY Director determines that system's principal goals and mission are consistent with the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act and its regulations.

Names the registry information system the Ohio Professional Registry.

Fiscal effect: Various state agencies currently fund portions of the existing registry maintained by OCCRA or contract with them for services. This allows DCY to contract as well.

KIDCD30 Biennial summit on home visiting

R.C. 5180.24, (Repealed)

Repeals law requiring DCY to facilitate, and allocate funds for, a biennial summit on home visiting.

Fiscal effect: Any costs for the summit will be eliminated.

KIDCD1 Maternal and Infant Housing Assistance

Section: 423.20

Earmarks up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 830402, Maternal and Infant Housing Assistance, to be used to support stable housing initiatives for pregnant mothers and to improve maternal and infant health outcomes.

KIDCD2 Infant Vitality

Section: 423.30

Makes the following earmarks in GRF ALI 830404, Infant Vitality, in each fiscal year:

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(1) Not less than \$7,500,000 to be used to support programming by community and local faith-based service providers that invests in maternal health programs, provides services and support to pregnant mothers, and improves both maternal and infant health outcomes.

(2) Up to \$1,000,000 to be used to support the per diem nonmedical services provided by residential infant care centers.

Requires the remainder of GRF ALI 830404, Infant Vitality, to be used to fund a multi-pronged population health approach to address infant mortality.

Specifies that this approach may include the following: increasing awareness; supporting data collection; analysis and interpretation to inform decision-making and ensure accountability; targeting resources where the need is greatest; and implementing quality improvement science and programming that is evidence-based or based on emerging practices.

Specifies that measurable interventions may include activities related to safe sleep, community engagement, group prenatal care, preconception education, continuous support for women during pregnancy and childbirth, patient navigators, community health workers, early childhood home visiting, safe birth spacing, gestational diabetes, smoking cessation tailored for pregnant women, breastfeeding, care coordination, and progesterone.

KIDCD3 Part C Early Intervention

Section: 423.40

Makes the following earmarks in GRF ALI 830405, Part C Early Intervention:

(1) Up to \$7,000,000 in FY 2026 and up to \$9,000,000 in FY 2027 to be used by DCY to subgrant or contract with county boards of developmental disabilities for the provision of early intervention evaluations, assessments, and service coordination. Requires boards that accept these funds to maintain the level of local funding for early intervention at the same funding level as the prior fiscal year.

(2) \$1,000,000 in total in each fiscal year to be used to contract with the Cleveland Sight Center, the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio to provide early intervention special instruction services and family support to children under the age of three with blindness or low vision.

KIDCD4 Strong Families Strong Communities

Section: 423.50, 423.60

Makes the following earmarks in GRF ALI 830406, Strong Families Strong Communities:

(1) Up to \$10,000,000 in FY 2026 shall be used to provide funding to qualified entities in Ohio to support any of the following: research into causes, diagnoses, prevention, and treatment of pediatric cancer; and the study of new and novel approaches to researching and treating pediatric cancer, as well as the side effects of cancer treatment, including discovering and developing new drugs, clinical trials, neurosurgery, and other surgical interventions, diagnostics, care management, and learning disabilities.

(2) Up to \$3,600,000 in each fiscal year to be used to provide funding for community projects across the state that focus on support for families, assisting families in avoiding crisis, and crisis intervention.

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KIDCD5 Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Section: 423.50

Requires GRF ALI 830505, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, to be used to promote identification and intervention for early childhood mental health and to enhance healthy social emotional development to reduce preschool expulsions and promote kindergarten readiness.

Requires these funds to be used, in coordination with DBH, to support infant and early childhood mental health credentialed professionals and consultation services, as well as administration, workforce development for the program, and program evaluation.

KIDCD6 Early Childhood Education

Section: 423.70

Requires GRF ALI 830407, Early Childhood Education, to be used to pay the costs of the Early Childhood Education Grant Program to provide quality preschool instruction to improve kindergarten readiness.

Requires DCY to distribute such funds directly to qualifying providers.

KIDCD7 Early Care and Education Learning Standards

Section: 423.80

Requires GRF ALI 830409, Early Care and Education Learning Standards, to be used to support the state's early learning assessment work, required assessments, and the implementation of curricula, assessments, and learning activities that are aligned with the science of reading and the early learning and development standards.

KIDCD8 Parenting and Pregnancy Program

Section: 423.90

Requires GRF ALI 830415, Parenting and Pregnancy Program, to be used to support the Ohio Parenting and Pregnancy Program.

Reappropriates an amount equal to the available balance of GRF ALI 830415 at the end of FY 2026 for the same purpose in FY 2027.

KIDCD9 Adoption Grant Program

Section: 423.100

Requires GRF ALI 440416, Adoption Grant Program, to be used to administer grants to adoptive parents through the Adoption Grant Program.

KIDCD10 Court Appointed Special Advocates

Section: 423.110

Makes the following earmarks in GRF ALI 830502, Court Appointed Special Advocates, in each fiscal year:

- (1) Up to \$333,333 to support administrative costs of existing court-appointed special advocate programs.

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(2) Up to \$666,667 to establish court-appointed special advocate programs in areas of the state not served by existing programs and to support existing programs.

KIDCD11 Family and Children Services activities**Section: 423.120, 423.130**

Makes the following earmarks in GRF ALI 830506, Family and Children Services:

(A) Up to \$25,000,000 in each fiscal year to assist with the expense of providing services to youth requiring support from multiple systems. Allows these funds to be used for youth in the custody of a PCSA, or at risk of entering custody, by custody relinquishment or another mechanism. Requires the DCY Director to adopt rules to administer the funding.

(B) Up to \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year to incentivize best practices. Requires the DCY Director to adopt rules to administer this funding.

(C) \$150,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Cleveland State University for the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Opportunity Program and the Helen Packer Scholarship Program.

(D) Not less than \$180,000,000 in FY 2026 and not less than \$185,000,000 in FY 2027 to be spent, in coordination with ODJFS, for PCSAs. Requires that these funds be allocated as follows: \$200,000 to each county and the remaining amount distributed to counties using a statutory formula.

(E) Up to \$35,309,990 in each fiscal year to be used to support activities associated with the delivery of children services activities.

(F) Up to \$20,000,000 in FY 2026 and up to \$10,000,000 in FY 2027 to be used to assist with the establishment of regional child wellness campuses. Requires the following regarding these campuses:

(1) DCY to provide one-time funding to establish regional child wellness campuses across the state to serve children and youth who are in the custody of a PCSA and who are not placed in a licensed residential setting and are otherwise spending one or more nights in an unlicensed setting.

(2) Campuses to support children in crisis in or near the communities in which the children reside and create additional capacity for short-term treatment.

(3) DCY to select entities through a competitive process.

(4) An entity to provide proof of local funding commitments that fulfill all necessary start-up costs and ongoing community commitments to ensure timely and appropriate delivery of service to meet the needs of the child, family, and communities.

(G) At least \$17,000,000 in each fiscal year to be used for federal match requirements for Title IV-B and Title IV-E funding.

(H) Up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year to be provided to the Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers to administer and distribute grants to Child Advocacy Centers to coordinate statewide access to investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child sexual abuse, while helping children heal.

(I) Up to \$8,500,000 in each fiscal year to be used to support the Kinship Care Navigator Program, which may be used to match eligible federal Title IV-E.

Requires counties that contributed local funds in FY 2019 to the county children services fund, to continue to contribute funds if the state child protective services allocation in FY 2026 and FY 2027 exceeds the amount provided in FY 2019.

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Requires the DCY Director, in consultation and coordination with the ODJFS Director, to adopt rules, which include a hardship provision, to determine the amount of local funds each county must contribute.

Requires Fund 4F10 ALI 830607, Family and Children Activities, to be used to expend miscellaneous foundation funds and grants to support family and children services activities.

KIDCD12 Wendy's Wonderful Kids

Section: 423.140

Permits a total of up to \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 830506, Family and Children Services, Fund 3270 ALI 830601, Child Welfare, and Fund 3980 ALI 830612, Adoption Program, to be used to provide funds to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption to implement statewide the Wendy's Wonderful Kids program of professional recruiters who use a child-focused model to find permanent homes for children in Ohio foster care.

KIDCD13 Family and Children First flexible funding pool

Section: 423.150

Permits a county family and children first council to establish and operate a flexible funding pool to assure access to needed services by families, children, and older adults in need of protective services. Specifies the restrictions governing the flexible funding pools.

Permits, in collaboration with the county family and children first council, a CDJFS or PCSA that receives an allocation from GRF ALIs 830506, Family and Children Services, or 830502, Court Appointed Special Advocates, to transfer a portion of either or both allocations to a flexible funding pool.

KIDCD14 Children's Crisis Care

Section: 423.160

Requires GRF ALI 830419, Children's Crisis Care, to be allocated in each fiscal year to children's crisis care facilities.

Requires the DCY Director to calculate funds semi-annually and allocate funds quarterly based on the total number of days of care for each child residing in the facility, which is determined by calculating the total days each child resides at the crisis care facility, including the date of admission, but not the day of discharge.

Permits a children's crisis care facility to decline to receive funds but requires a children's crisis care facility that accepts these funds to use the funds in accordance with state laws and rules regarding these facilities.

KIDCD15 Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

Section: 423.170

Requires up to \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year in Fund 3201 ALI 830608, Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, to be used to implement Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant activities in the prenatal, maternal, perinatal, and infant domains.

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KIDCD16 Mental Health Block Grant

Section: 423.180

Requires Fund 3A91 ALI 830622, Mental Health Block Grant, to be used for infant and early childhood mental health activities.

KIDCD17 Child Care Choice Voucher Program

Section: 423.190

Requires a portion of Fund 3H70 ALI 830604, Child Care, in each fiscal year to be used to establish and administer the Child Care Choice Voucher Program.

Requires the program, subject to available funds, to provide vouchers to eligible families to assist with their child care costs.

Establishes family eligibility conditions as follows: (1) the caretaker parent is employed or participating in a program of education or training for an amount of time reasonably related to the time the parent's children are receiving child care; (2) the family does not meet income eligibility for initial PFCC but the maximum family income does not exceed 200% FPL; and (3) the family meets any other DCY-established condition.

Requires the voucher program to utilize, not later than November 1, 2026, PFCC payment rates.

Fiscal effect: According to DCY, the estimated cost of the voucher program will be \$75.0 million in FY 2026 and \$150.0 million in FY 2027.

KIDCD18 Community Social Service Programs

Section: 423.200

Allows a portion of Fund 3IT0 ALI 830609, Community Social Service Programs, to be used by the Early Intervention Services Advisory Council for the following purposes, in addition to other necessary and allowed uses of funds: (1) conduct forums and hearings; (2) reimburse council members for certain reasonable and necessary expenses; (3) pay compensation to a council member if the member is not employed or must forfeit wages when performing official council business; (4) hire staff; and (5) obtain the services of professional, technical, and clerical personnel as necessary.

Specifies that council members otherwise serve without compensation or reimbursement.

KIDCD19 Federal Children and Youth Grants

Section: 423.210

Requires up to \$195,000 in each fiscal year in Fund 3IU0 ALI 830623, Federal Children and Youth Grants, to be used for the training of guardians ad litem and court-appointed special advocates as well as to conduct a study to demonstrate the impact of court-appointed special advocate volunteers on outcomes for children who are in child welfare custody as a result of abuse, neglect, or dependency.

KIDCD20 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Section: 423.220

Makes the following earmarks in Fund 3V62 ALI 830605, TANF Block Grant, in each fiscal year:

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- (1) At least \$5,000,000 for the Kinship Permanency Incentive Program to promote a permanent commitment by kinship caregivers through becoming guardians and custodians over minor children who would otherwise be unsafe or at risk of harm if they remained in their own homes.
 - (2) Not less than \$2,500,000 for the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.
 - (3) Not less than \$2,000,000 to support the Independent Living Initiative, including life skills training and work supports for older children in foster care and those who have recently aged out of foster care who meet TANF eligibility requirements.
 - (4) Not less than \$1,000,000 for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund.
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KIDCD21 PFCC eligibility**Section: 423.230**

Establishes, through June 30, 2027, the maximum income for a family's eligibility for PFCC at 160% of the federal poverty line for initial eligibility, including special needs child care, and 300% for continued eligibility.

Fiscal effect: According to DCY, estimated costs to increase eligibility are approximately \$76.3 million in FY 2026 and \$101.8 million in FY 2027.

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COMCD26 Unclaimed funds filings**R.C. 169.061, 169.08**

Authorizes COM to waive the submission of the standard claim form for unclaimed funds if: (1) the person claiming a property interest is identified as the owner of the funds or property on the report filed under R.C. 169.03; and (2) the Department reasonably believes the person claiming a property interest is entitled to receive the payment.

Authorizes COM to exchange information with other state agencies or political subdivisions to locate and return unclaimed funds to their rightful owner.

Fiscal effect: May result in some number of additional claims paid from the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund.

COMCD31 Unclaimed funds - claims from the estate of a deceased owner**R.C. 169.081**

Requires the COM Director, with respect to claims filed under the Unclaimed Funds Law by a deceased owner's estate, to pay the claim only if it appears the payment will be received by: (1) the actual heirs or legatees of the deceased owner; (2) creditors of the deceased owner whose claims are valid, not barred and existed prior to death, up to the amount of the debt; and (3) creditors of the deceased owner whose claims are valid and not barred, up to the extent of the costs of administering the estate. Applies these requirements only to claims pending and arising on or after the effective date of this provision.

Fiscal effect: Uncertain.

COMCD27 Unclaimed funds reporting penalties**R.C. 169.12**

Imposes 3% annual interest on unclaimed funds that are not timely reported, paid, or delivered to COM. Establishes a cap of \$10,000 on continuing law's additional civil penalty of \$100 per day for a holder who fails to report, pay, or deliver unclaimed funds within four months after the date required by law. Allows COM to waive interest in addition to waiving civil penalties.

Eliminates the current law requirement that the value of unclaimed funds that are intangible property be determined based on the market value as of the date for reporting and payment or, if no market value is determinable, on the basis used by the Department of Taxation.

Fiscal effect: Will change the amount collected by COM in fines and penalties for some civil penalties, depending on the circumstances and findings of the COM Director.

COMCD28 Unclaimed funds civil penalties**R.C. 169.99**

Allows the not more than \$500 a day fine for unclaimed funds violations to be imposed for each offense. Makes these penalties in lieu of, not in addition to, the penalties imposed under R.C. 169.12 (see COMCD27). Allows the COM Director to waive such penalties if the person or holder acted in good faith and without negligence.

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Allows the Director to impose a civil penalty of \$500 for each day from the date a fraudulent unclaimed funds report was filed until the date the report is corrected, up to a maximum of \$25,000, and an additional penalty of 25% of the amount fraudulently unreported or underreported. Specifies that these penalties are in addition to, the penalties imposed under R.C. 169.12 (see COMCD27).

Fiscal effect: Potential revenue gains from expanding these civil penalties.

COMCD12 Financial Literacy Education Fund

R.C. 1321.21, 121.085

Removes the requirement that the OBM Director transfer 5% of the charges, penalties, and forfeitures paid to the Superintendent of Financial Institutions by check-cashing lenders, small loan licensees, mortgage brokers, loan officers, and certain other entities regulated by the Superintendent from the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530) to the Financial Literacy Education Fund (Fund 5FW0).

Removes the requirement that the COM Director adopt a rule requiring at least 50% of the Financial Literacy Education programs be offered at public community colleges or state institutions.

Removes a requirement that the COM Director provide an annual report to the Governor and the House and Senate outlining each financial literacy education program developed or implemented, the number of individuals educated by the program and accounting for all funds distributed.

Fiscal effect: Potentially reduces the amount of cash transfers to Fund 5FW0 and costs for administering the Financial Literacy Education Program.

COMCD10 Security Investor Education and Enforcement Fund grants

R.C. 1707.37

Allows for money in the Division of Securities Investor Education and Enforcement Expense Fund (Fund 5GK0) to be used for education grants and allows the Division to adopt rules concerning qualifications for grant-funded programs.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in grant expenditures from Fund 5GK0.

COMCD11 Ohio Investor Recovery Fund transfers

R.C. 1707.47

Removes the annual \$2.5 million cap on cash transfers from the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500) to the Ohio Investor Recovery Fund (Fund 5XK0).

Fiscal effect: Increases the potential cash transfers that can be made to Fund 5XK0 from Fund 5500.

COMCD25 Burial permit fee increase

R.C. 3705.17

Increases the burial permit fee from \$3.00 to \$4.50

Fiscal effect: Gain in burial permit fee revenue gain to the Cemetery Registration Fund (Fund 4H90).

Executive

COMCD13 Board of Building Standards Grant Program

R.C. 3781.10, 3781.102

Permits the Board of Building Standards to establish a grant program to assist local building departments in the recruitment, training, and retention of qualified personnel. Allows the Board to use fees credited to the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560) in connection with inspections and approval of plans and specifications by local building departments to administer and award the grants.

Fiscal effect: Potential cost increases if COM uses this authority to establish the grant program including grant awards and administrative costs.

COMCD14 Third-party building examiners and inspectors

R.C. 3781.10

Allows the Board of Building Standards (BBS) to adopt rules that allow municipal, township, and county building departments to accept plan, examination, and inspection reports from third-party building plan examiners and building inspectors.

Permits the Board to establish competency standards for third-party building plan examiners and building inspectors.

Specifies that fees charged by a third-party examiner or inspector are in addition to current fees collected by political subdivisions on behalf of the Board for exams and inspections.

Clarifies that plan approvals and certificates of occupancy or completion remain the exclusive authority of the certified personnel employed by or under contract with a certified municipal, township, and county building department and cannot be issued by a third-party examiner or inspector.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal cost increases to BBS for establishing rules and competency requirements.

COMCD15 Board of Building Standards rules for new construction and alterations

R.C. 3781.10, 3781.102

Separates the residential building code into two categories of enforcement: (1) the erection of and construction of new residential buildings; and (2) the repair and alteration of existing residential buildings.

Authorizes local building departments that are certified to enforce the Ohio Residential Building Code for new residential buildings to also elect to enforce the residential building code for the repair and alteration of existing residential buildings.

Requires the local building department and personnel that enforce the Residential Building Code for the repair or alteration of existing residential buildings to obtain a certification from the Board of Building Standards.

Maintains that the 1% fee paid by certain political subdivisions to the Board of Building Standards in connection with residential buildings the local building department is certified to enforce applies to both new and existing enforcement.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal costs to the Board of Building Standards to issue certificates, largely offset through any potential revenue gains through any additional certification fees and potential minimal additional costs to local building department personnel to obtain additionally needed certificates.

Executive

COMCD32 Kids Internet and Data Safety Commission**R.C. 3793.01, 3793.02 - 3793.06, 3793.20 - 3793.25, 3793.30, 3793.40 - 3793.47, 3793.90, Section 820.40**

Creates the Kids Internet and Data Safety Commission within COM consisting of 11 members to enforce the below provisions, and further authorizes the Commission to: (1) identify emergent or current risks of harm to children and teens associated with online platforms; (2) recommend measures and methods for assessing, preventing, and mitigating such harms; (3) recommend methods and themes for conducting research regarding these harms; and (4) recommend best practices and clear consensus-based technical standards for required transparency reports and audits.

Requires "covered platforms" likely to be accessed by a child or teen to take certain measures to prevent foreseeable harms to children and teens, including by establishing parental controls and privacy settings.

Requires covered platforms to undergo third-party audits and issue annual reports concerning compliance with these requirements.

Requires "online platforms" to provide notices about algorithms used to display content on the platform and to allow users to opt into an input-transparent algorithm.

Prohibits certain practices by operators of web sites, online services, online applications, and mobile applications related to collection, use, disclosure, and deletion of personal information of children and teens.

Requires such operators to obtain "verifiable consent" from the teen or parent of the child before collecting such personal information, subject to certain exclusions.

Requires the Commission to administer and enforce these requirements, including imposing administrative penalties. Delays the effective date of these provisions until July 1, 2026.

Creates the Kids Internet and Data Safety Fund in the state treasury, consisting of all money collected through administrative penalties imposed by the Commission.

Allows the MHA Director to use unencumbered funds beyond the amount needed by the Commission to administer the bill's provisions, to support addiction treatment for minors.

Fiscal effect: Indeterminate cost increases to operate the Commission and implement the specified requirements. Creates the Kids Internet and Data Safety Fund to pay the Commission's expenses, but does not appropriate funding.

COMCD16 Minimum wage records**R.C. 4111.99, 121.084**

Requires an employer who fails to retain records related to wages and hours to pay a fine of not more than \$100 each day of the violation and limits these total fines to \$5,000. Requires these fines to be deposited into the Industrial Compliance Operating Fund (Fund 5560).

Fiscal effect: Potential fine revenue gain to Fund 5560.

Executive

COMCD20 H liquor permit fees

R.C. 4301.12, 4301.30

Requires all H liquor permit fees (required for transporting alcoholic beverages) where the permit premises are located outside Ohio be credited to the State Liquor Regulatory Fund (Fund 5LP0) rather than the Undivided Liquor Permit Fund (Fund 7066).

Fiscal effect: H liquor permit fees are \$300. For each such H permit, there will be a slight gain for Fund 5LP0 and a corresponding loss for Fund 7066.

COMCD19 Division of Liquor Control spirituous liquor sales

R.C. 4301.19

Clarifies that the Division of Liquor Control has authority to sell spirituous liquor from A-3a liquor permit premises (micro-distilleries) because, under current law, those permit holders sell spirituous liquor that the permit holder manufactures under contract with the Division.

Fiscal effect: None.

COMCD21 D-7 liquor permit fees

R.C. 4303.183

Specifies that the D-7 liquor permit, which is issued for six months, is \$2,814 rather than \$469 per month.

Fiscal effect: Since there is no change in the overall fee, there is no net effect on Fund 7066.

COMCD22 F-4 liquor permit fee

R.C. 4303.204

Adjusts the F-4 liquor permit (wine festival) fee, which is issued for one to three days, from \$60 per day to a flat fee of \$180.

Fiscal effect: Potential small gain in permit revenue for Fund 7066.

COMCD24 F-11 liquor permit fee

R.C. 4303.2011

Adjusts the F-11 liquor permit (craft beer festival organizer) fee, which is issued for one to three days, from \$60 per day to a flat fee of \$180.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal fee revenue gain to the Undivided Liquor Permit Fund (Fund 7066).

COMCD23 S-2 liquor permit renewal fee

R.C. 4303.233

Increases the S-2 liquor permit (direct sales of wine from wine manufacturers to consumers) renewal fee from \$100 to \$250, the same fee as the initial permit.

Fiscal effect: Potential small gain in permit revenue for Fund 7066.

Executive

COMCD29 Real estate salesperson and broker applications

R.C. 4735.06, 4735.09

Requires an applicant for a license as a real estate salesperson or broker to include the address of current residence on the application. Requires an applicant for a real estate broker license that is not an individual, to include on the application the address of the current residence of each of the applicant's members or officers. Exempts the address from the Public Records Law. (See DASCD34)

Fiscal effect: Minimal potential costs to redact these addresses as necessary.

COMCD17 Specialty contractor license application

R.C. 4740.06

Eliminates the requirement that an application for a specialty contractor license be verified by the applicant's oath (notarized).

Fiscal effect: None.

COMCD18 Elevator mechanic's and contractor's licenses

R.C. 4785.041, Section 125.10

Eliminates the requirement that a licensed elevator mechanic or contractor seeking a temporary continuing education waiver due to a temporary disability sign the waiver application under penalty of perjury.

Eliminates the requirement that a physician's statement which a licensee must submit regarding the temporary disability, be certified.

Fiscal effect: Potentially increases the likelihood of these waivers being approved, although presumably, there would be few such instances.

COMCD2 Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing

Section: 203.40

Requires Fund 4B20 ALI 800631, Real Estate Appraisal Recovery, to be used to pay settlements, judgements, and court orders for violations of real estate appraiser laws. Appropriates additional amounts requested by the COM Director and approved by the OBM Director.

Requires Fund 5480 ALI 800611, Real Estate Recovery, to be used to pay settlements, judgements, and court orders under real estate broker law and, as above, appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if necessary.

Requires Fund 5VD0 ALI 800653, Real Estate Home Inspector Recovery, to be used to pay settlements, judgements, and court orders under home inspector law and, as above, appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if necessary.

COMCD1 Unclaimed Funds-Claims

Section: 243.20

Requires Fund 5430 ALI 800625, Unclaimed Funds-Claims, to be used to pay claims under the Unclaimed Funds Law. Appropriates additional amounts requested by the COM Director and approved by the OBM Director.

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COMCD3 Fire Department Grants**Section: 243.20**

- (1) Requires that Fund 5460 ALI 800639, Fire Department Grants, be used to make grants to volunteer fire departments, fire departments that serve one or more small municipalities or small townships, joint fire districts comprised of fire departments that primarily serve small municipalities or small townships, local units of government responsible for such fire departments, and local units of government responsible for the provision of fire protection services for small municipalities or small townships.
- (2) Requires the grants to be used to purchase firefighting or rescue equipment or gear or similar items, to provide full or partial reimbursement for the documented costs of firefighter training, or, at the discretion of the State Fire Marshal, to cover costs for providing fire protection services in the grant recipient's jurisdiction.
- (3) Earmarks up to \$1,300,000 in each fiscal year to pay for the State Fire Marshal's costs of providing certain firefighter training classes at no cost to selected students, and allows the State Fire Marshal to establish the qualification and selection process for such classes.
- (4) Earmarks up to \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year for Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) grants. Establishes the criteria for awarding these grants, including authority for the State Fire Marshal to give preference to grants that will enhance emergency communication networks in the geographic region that includes and is adjacent to the applicant's jurisdiction. Limits the awards to \$50,000 annually per recipient.
- (5) Limits grant awards for firefighter or rescue equipment or gear or fire department costs of providing fire protection services to \$15,000 per fiscal year, or up to \$25,000 per fiscal year if an eligible entity serves a jurisdiction in which the Governor declared a natural disaster during the preceding or current fiscal year in which the grant was awarded, and up to \$15,000 per fiscal year for full or partial reimbursement of the documented costs of firefighter training, which could be in addition to any grant funds awarded for equipment or fire protection services. Requires the State Fire Marshal to determine the total amounts to be allocated for each eligible purpose.
- (6) Requires the State Fire Marshal to administer the grant program in accordance with rules adopted as part of the State Fire Code, which may further define eligible entities and establish criteria for the awarding and expenditure of grant funds.
- (7) Permits any appropriations in excess of the amount allocated for the grants to be used to administer the grant program.

COMCD4 Cash transfers to the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund**Section: 243.30**

Allows the OBM Director, upon the request of the COM Director to transfer cash from the Real Estate Recovery Fund (Fund 5480) to the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490) when the Fund 5480 cash balance exceeds \$250,000, provided that the minimum remaining amount in Fund 5480 is at least \$250,000.

Allows the OBM Director, upon the request of the COM Director to transfer cash from the Real Estate Appraiser Recovery Fund (Fund 4B20) to Fund 5490 when the Fund 4B20 cash balance exceeds \$200,000, provided that the minimum remaining amount in Fund 4B20 is at least \$200,000.

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COMCD5 Cash transfers to Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Fund**Section: 243.30**

Allows the OBM Director, upon the request of the COM Director, to transfer up to \$600,000 cash from the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) to the Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5F10).

COMCD6 Cash Transfers to the Ohio Investor Recovery Fund**Section: 243.30**

Allows the OBM Director, upon the request of the COM Director, to transfer up to \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year from the Divisions of Securities Fund (Fund 5500) to the Investor Recovery Fund (Fund 5XK0).

Allows the COM Director, if sufficient funds are available in the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500), to request additional cash transfers from Fund 5500 to Fund 5XK0 in an amount agreed upon between the COM Director and OBM Director, to pay awards of restitution assistance and any expenses incurred.

Earmarks up to \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year from Fund 5XK0 ALI 800657, Ohio Investor Recovery, to provide restitution assistance to victims who (1) are identified in a final administrative order issued by the Division of Securities or a final court order as a purchaser damaged by a sale or contract for sale made violating the Ohio Securities Law, and (2) have not received the full amount of any restitution ordered in a final order before the application for restitution assistance is due.

COMCD7 Cash transfers to the Investor Education and Enforcement Expense Fund**Section: 243.30**

Requires the OBM Director, on July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer \$5,000,000 from the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500) to the Investor Education and Enforcement Expense Fund (Fund 5GK0).

Allows the OBM Director, upon the request of the COM Director, every three months, to transfer up to 5% of the fees and charges received in Fund 5500 to Fund 5GK0.

COMCD8 Cash transfers to the Financial Literacy Education Fund**Section: 243.30**

Allows the OBM Director, upon request of the COM Director, to transfer up to \$150,000 in each fiscal year from the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530) to the Financial Literacy Education Fund (Fund 5FW0).

Allows the OBM Director, upon the request of the COM Director, at least once every three months, to transfer up to 15% of the fees and charges received in Fund 5530 to Fund 5FW0.

Executive

COMCD9 Claiming unclaimed funds for the State of Ohio and political subdivisions**Section: 243.30**

Allows the Treasurer of State, in consultation with the COM Director and OBM Director, to claim unclaimed funds in the name of the State of Ohio and not otherwise attributable to an administrative department and requires these unclaimed funds to be credited to the GRF.

Allows the county treasurer, in consultation with the COM Director and OBM Director, to claim unclaimed funds in the name of the political subdivision and not otherwise attributable to the political subdivision and requires these unclaimed funds to be credited to the appropriate fund of that political subdivision.

Allows any person with a property interest in the unclaimed funds to file a claim with the COM Director and, upon sufficient proof of the validity of the claim, allows the Director to pay the claim less any expenses and costs incurred by the state or political subdivision in securing full title and ownership of the unclaimed funds. Prevents any other claimant from taking action against the state or political subdivision for or on account of the payment of the claim after the payment is made.

Fiscal effect: Potential revenue gains to the state GRF, or to applicable county funds for claiming applicable unclaimed funds. Currently the state has \$240,000 in unclaimed fund properties to which it is the rightful holder that could be collected and transferred to the GRF under this provision.

Executive

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.

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.

Executive

CLACD1 Money and interest credited to Crime Victims Recovery Fund

R.C. 2969.13

Removes the responsibility of TOS to credit revenue to the Crime Victims Recovery Fund (Fund 5B20).

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

OSBCD1 Diploma requirements

R.C. 3325.08

Requires the Superintendent of Ohio Deaf and Blind Education Services (ODBES) to award a diploma or honors diploma to a student enrolled in the Ohio State School for the Blind or Ohio School for the Deaf who has successfully completed the curriculum in any high school and meets additional existing requirements for that diploma.

Fiscal effect: None. The aim of this provision is to align the ODBES law with general graduation requirements.

OSBCD2 Program Expenses Fund investment earnings

R.C. 3325.16, 3325.17

Requires investment earnings on money in the Educational Program Expense funds of the State School for the Deaf (Fund 4M00) and the State School for the Blind (Fund 4M50) be credited to the funds.

Fiscal effect: Annual gain to Funds 4M00 and 4M50 depending on the interest rate environment and their respective fund balances.

Executive

BDPCD1 Financial transaction devices

R.C. 113.40

Modifies definitions of "financial transaction device", "processor" and "state entity". Changes terms, including replacing "charge card" with "banking card" and "return or dishonored" with "reversed".

Changes BDP's resolution requirements by mandating its adoption to authorize financial transaction device payments for state expenses, eliminating certain mandatory content requirements from the resolution, requiring the resolution to designate TOS as the administrative agent for soliciting proposals and assisting with settlement programs, and expanding its application to include both state treasury bank accounts and those in the custody of the TOS outside the state treasury.

Changes proposals process by removing the requirements to request proposals from at least three financial institutions, issuers, or processors, requiring the BDP's administrative agent to request proposals for acceptance, processing, and settlement services, requiring the public notice of proposals on the agent's website, increasing the minimum availability period for proposals to 15 days, removing the need to send proposals via email or require written notice of interest, and removing BDP's review requirement for all submitted proposals.

Changes contracting and administrative agent responsibilities by permitting BDP to authorize the administrative agent to contract with processors, permitting the agent to enter multiple contracts for payment processing on behalf of state entities and elected officials, and requiring the agent to notify processors of proposal rejections.

Changes notification and implementation requirements by removing the requirement for the Board to send its resolution to state officials and entities, removing the requirement for state officials and entities to notify the Board before implementing the resolution, and removing a permission of state entities under an elected official's authority to opt out of accepting financial transaction device payments.

Changes surcharges and fees for payments made by financial transaction devices by expanding authority to impose them from BDP to state officials and entities, removing the prohibition on unauthorized surcharges and fees, removing the state entities' requirement to post notice of surcharges and fees, and removing the provisions about surcharges and fees being nonrefundable and the posting of such notices.

Changes personal liability immunity under the section to exclude state entities and include state elected officials and employees of a state entity or state elected official.

Fiscal effect: Potential administrative costs savings by reducing procedural requirements and eliminating mandated notifications and reviews.

BDPCD3 Custodial funds and active deposits

R.C. 135.01

Specifies that custodial funds that are not part of the state treasury are "active deposits" for the purposes of the public depository law and adds paper checks to the definition of a warrant clearance account.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

BDPCD2 Public depository place of business

R.C. 135.03

Requires an eligible public depository to have a banking office located in Ohio.

Fiscal effect: None.

BDPCD4 Board of Deposit Expense Fund

Section: 257.20

Transfers, upon certification of expenses by TOS, cash from the Investment Earnings Redistribution Fund (Fund 6080) to the Board of Deposit Expense Fund (Fund 4M20) to pay for any necessary BDP expenses or for banking charges and fees required for the operation of the State of Ohio Regular Account.

Executive

DEVCD11 Computer data center tax exemption application

R.C. 122.175

Removes the OBM Director as one of the recipients, forwarded by the Tax Credit Authority, of copies of an application for a complete or partial tax exemption for a taxpayer who proposes a capital improvement project for an eligible computer data center.

Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD2 Residential Broadband Expansion Program

R.C. 122.4041

Adjusts the criteria used to score applications for grants (maximum 300 points) under the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Program by giving one-half point for each residential address the eligible project will reach in unserved areas and one-quarter point for each residential address in underserved areas.

Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD5 Elimination of the Mortgage Insurance Fund

R.C. 122.451, 122.55, 122.56, 122.561, 122.57 (All repealed)

Eliminates the Mortgage Insurance Fund and the corresponding authority of the DEV Director to insure mortgage payments on behalf of a person, partnership, corporation, or community improvement corporation using money from the Fund.

Eliminates the Mortgage Guarantee Fund.

Eliminates sinking fund requirements for certain funds received by the DEV Director.

DEVCD12 Film and theater tax credit award process

R.C. 122.85

Replaces the two-round process for awarding motion-picture and Broadway theatrical production tax credits where half the fiscal year maximum is reserved for each round. Instead of using a ranking process to make awards, considers applicants on a rolling basis, while retaining a priority for a TV series or miniseries.

Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD3 State private activity bond ceiling and fund

R.C. 122.97

Grants the DEV Director authority to allocate Ohio's volume ceiling on state private activity bonds established under federal income tax law.

Requires the Director to adopt rules governing the administration of the volume ceiling, including an allocation formula.

Executive

Establishes a custodial fund consisting of fees paid by issuers receiving volume ceiling allocations and provides that the fund may be used to pay DEV's costs in administering Ohio's volume ceiling.

Fiscal effect: None. Codifies existing practice and rules. Fees are already deposited into the Volume Cap Administration Fund (Fund 6170).

DEVCD6 Automated Clearing House Payments Fund

R.C. 166.36

Creates the Automated Clearing House Payments Fund, a custodial fund consisting of regular loan repayments and fees by ACH transfer for loans made from loan programs administered by the DEV Director.

DEVCD7 Enterprise Bond Retirement Fund

R.C. 166.37

Creates the Enterprise Bond Retirement Fund, a custodial fund consisting of repayments, fees, and other money attributable to loans made by the DEV Director from the Facilities Establishment Fund.

DEVCD8 Regional Loan Escrow Fund

R.C. 166.38

Creates the Regional Loan Escrow Fund, a custodial fund consisting of all grants, gifts, contributions, and other money designated for or deposited in the Fund, and all repayments, fees, and other money attributable to loans made under the Regional 166 Loan Program.

DEVCD9 Repeal of obsolete reports

R.C. 4928.06, 4928.57, 4928.581, 4928.582, 4928.583

Repeals requirements for reports with due dates that have passed.

Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD10 Expired revenue sources for Advanced Energy Fund

R.C. 4928.61, 4928.34, 4928.62

Repeals the following obsolete provisions regarding Advanced Energy Fund revenue: (1) the expired temporary Advanced Energy Rider collected by electric distribution utilities and their remittance to the Advanced Energy Fund, (2) the 10-year limitation on remittance requirements for the temporary Advanced Energy Rider, (3) the quarterly remittance and timing requirements for revenues from (a) payments, repayments, and collections under the Advanced Energy Program and from Program income and (b) collections by an Ohio municipal electric utility or electric cooperative participating in the Advanced Energy Fund.

Executive

Repeals the obsolete requirements regarding the use of money collected in rates, as of October 5, 1999, for non-low-income customer energy efficiency programs.

Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD13 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.

DEVCD14 Minority Business Development

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195405, Minority Business Development, to be used 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.

DEVCD15 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.

DEVCD16 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.

DEVCD17 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.

Executive**DEVCD18 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.

DEVCD19 Appalachia Assistance**Section: 259.20**

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) as a match for federal funding received from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

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.

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.

Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission.

Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association.

Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Buckeye Hills Regional Council.

Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments.

Requires the four local development districts receiving this funding to use the funds for the implementation and administration of programs and duties under the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Earmarks \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.

Earmarks \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service.

DEVCD20 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 HUD according to the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Executive

DEVCD21 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.

DEVCD22 Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195537, Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative, to support the Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative. Prohibits the use of this ALI for travel and entertainment expenses incurred under the initiative.

DEVCD23 Sector Partnership Networks

Section: 259.20

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

DEVCD24 TechCred Program

Section: 259.20

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

DEVCD25 General obligation bond debt service payments

Section: 259.25

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 2026 and FY 2027 for obligations issued to fund the Coal Research and Development Program.

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 2026 and FY 2027 for obligations issued to fund the Third Frontier Program.

DEVCD26 Minority Business Bonding Fund

Section: 259.30

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.

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.

Executive

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.

DEVCD27 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.

DEVCD28 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.

DEVCD29 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 Fund 4W10.

DEVCD30 Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5A11 ALI 1956G9, Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program, to be used by DEV to support the Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program.

DEVCD31 Transfer from the Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program Fund to the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Fund

Section: 259.30

Transfers \$3,600,000 cash from the Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program Fund (Fund 5A11) to the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Fund (Fund 5GT0) in FY 2026.

DEVCD32 Welcome Home Ohio Program

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5AP1 ALI 1956H3, Welcome Home Ohio Program, to be used for providing grants under the Welcome Home Ohio Program.

Requires \$20,000,000 to be allocated to land banks to purchase residential property at foreclosure sales.

Requires \$20,000,000 to be allocated to rehabilitate or construct residential property for income-restricted owners.

Executive

DEVCD33 Ohio Housing Investment Opportunity Program

Section: 259.30, 515.20

Requires Fund 5CH1 ALI 1956J2, Ohio Housing Investment Opportunity Program, be used to award grants and loans to local governments, or their designees, in rural counties and counties that border another state for housing development projects.

Designates eligible housing development project expenses to include: site acquisition, demolition, site remediation, wetland mitigation, or the extension or enhancement of sewer, water, gas, and electricity services.

Allows non-housing development project costs associated with planning for housing demand to be an eligible expense with priority given to county-wide proposals.

States that priority may be given to sites designated for housing development that have received funding under either the Brownfield Remediation Program or Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program.

Allows the Director of OBM to transfer up to \$100,000,000 cash in FY 2026 from the Expanded Sales Tax Holiday Fund (Fund 5AX1) to the Housing Investment Program Fund (Fund 5CH1).

DEVCD34 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.

DEVCD35 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.

DEVCD36 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.

DEVCD37 Minority Business Development Loan Administration

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5XH0 ALI 1956I1, Minority Business Development Loan Administration, to be used to operate the Women Owned Loan and Minority Business Micro-Loan Programs.

Executive

DEVCD38 Transfer from the State Small Business Credit Initiative Fund to the MBD Financial Assistance Fund

Section: 259.30

Transfers \$5,000,000 cash in FY 2026 from the State Small Business Credit Initiative Fund (Fund 3FJ0) to the MBD Financial Assistance Fund (Fund 5XH0). Requires all repayments of loans issued under Fund 5XH0 to be credited to the fund.

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).

DEVCD39 All Ohio Future Fund

Section: 259.30

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

DEVCD40 Brownfield Remediation

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5YE0 ALI 1956A2, Brownfield Remediation, to be used for grants under the Brownfield Remediation Program.

DEVCD41 Demolition and Site Revitalization

Section: 259.30

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

DEVCD42 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.

DEVCD43 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.

Executive

DEVCD44 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).

DEVCD45 Rural Industrial Park Loan Program

Section: 259.50

Requires Fund 4Z60 ALI 195647, Rural Industrial Park Loan, to be used to award loans under the Rural Industrial Park Loan Program. Limits maximum awards to \$4,000,000.

DEVCD46 Transfers from the Research and Development Loan Fund to the Business Assistance Fund

Section: 259.50

Permits the OBM Director to transfer up to \$3,000,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Research and Development Loan Fund (Fund 7010) to the Business Assistance Fund (4510).

DEVCD47 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 \$1,000,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10) to the Capital Access Loan Fund (Fund 5S90).

DEVCD48 Facilities Establishment

Section: 259.50

Requires Fund 7037 ALI 195615, Facilities Establishment, to be used for the purposes of the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund 7037) under Chapter 166. 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.

Executive

DEVCD49 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.

DEVCD50 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, with additional information if the OBM Director seeks it, an amount up to the available balance of the two ALIs at the end of FY 2025 to be used for the same purpose in FY 2026.

DEVCD51 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.

DEVCD52 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.

DEVCD53 Transfer from the GRF to the State Marketing Office Fund

Section: 512.10

Requires the OBM Director to transfer up to \$15,000,000 cash in FY 2026 from the GRF to the State Marketing Office Fund (Fund 5MJ0).

Executive

DEVCD4 Ohio State Small Business Credit Initiative Venture Capital Program Fund

Section: 518.10

Creates the Ohio State Small Business Credit Initiative Venture Capital Program Fund (Fund 31C0) in uncodified law. Requires money in the fund to be used to pay DEV's expenses for the Ohio Growth Capital, Ohio Early-Stage Focus, Certified Development Financial Institution Loan, and Collateral Enhancement programs. Requires all federal funds received from the State Small Business Credit Initiative to be credited to the fund. Requires all investment earnings of the fund to be credited to the fund.

Executive

DDDCD2 Notary requirement of applicants for employment or supported living certificates

R.C. 5123.081, 5123.169

Eliminates the requirement that the statement of residency, which must be submitted by a job applicant with DODD or a county board of developmental disabilities, or an applicant for a supported living certificate, be notarized.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD10 Guardianship and supported living

R.C. 5123.16, 5123.1613

Prohibits the guardian, or a supported living certificate holder owned or operated by the guardian, of an individual with developmental disabilities from providing supported living to that individual unless they are related by blood, adoption, or marriage.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD9 Certified mail requirements

R.C. 5123.166, 5123.19

Eliminates the certified mail requirement for delivering written notice that the DODD Director has issued an adjudication order against an individual or entity seeking or holding a supported living certificate and the written report and recommendation following proceedings related to denying or revoking a residential facility's license.

Fiscal effect: Possible minimal reduction in administrative costs.

DDDCD3 Termination of supported living certificate

R.C. 5123.168

Requires, rather than permits, the DODD Director terminate a supported living certificate if the certificate holder does not bill the Department for supported living services for a specified time period.

Increases that time period from 12 months to 24 consecutive months.

Requires DODD, when terminating a supported living certificate, to send notice to the certificate holder by regular mail explaining its action.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD4 Community developmental disabilities trust fund

R.C. 5123.352

Abolishes the community developmental disabilities trust fund.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

DDDCD11 Nonfederal share of Medicaid expenditures for state-operated ICF/IID services

R.C. 5123.38

Permits the DODD Director to establish a methodology for determining the amount collected from a county board to pay the nonfederal share of Medicaid expenditures for an individual admitted to a state-operated ICF/IID.

Eliminates law specifying that a county board is not required to pay the nonfederal share of Medicaid expenditures for an individual committed to a state-operated ICF/IID if the county board arranges for alternative services within 180 days of the individual's admission to the ICF/IID.

Specifies that the Director's authority under existing law to grant a waiver from paying the nonfederal share may exempt a county board from paying either the full amount or a portion.

Fiscal effect: Potential foregone revenue if the DODD Director elects to waive all or part of the collection of the nonfederal share that a county board must pay to admit a person at a developmental center. This impact is projected to be minimal.

DDDCD8 Developmental disabilities personnel authority to administer medications and perform health-related activities

R.C. 5123.42

Specifically authorizes developmental disabilities personnel to administer prescribed epinephrine intranasally to treat anaphylaxis, without nursing delegation and without a medication administration certificate.

Authorizes developmental disabilities personnel, with nursing delegation, to administer to recipients of early intervention, preschool, and school-age services prescribed medications for the treatment of metabolic glycemc disorders through subcutaneous injections.

Replaces statutory references to vagal nerve stimulators with references to vagus nerve stimulators.

Requires developmental disabilities personnel to successfully complete training as a condition of administering topical over-the-counter medications as permitted under continuing law.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD7 Family members' authority to administer medications and perform health-related activities

R.C. 5123.423, 5123.41

Authorizes certain family members of an individual with a developmental disability to administer medications to, and perform health-related tasks for, the individual without holding a medication administration certificate and without nursing delegation.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

DDDCD6 In-home workers and health care tasks

R.C. 5123.47, 5123.41

Establishes an additional condition on the authority of a family member to authorize an unlicensed in-home care worker to perform health care tasks for an individual with a developmental disability - that the family member is not acting as a paid provider for the individual.

Also eliminates a condition that the worker provide care through employment or another arrangement with the family member and is not otherwise employed to provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Requires an unlicensed in-home worker to accept the written document in which the family member authorizes the worker to perform health-related tasks before the worker may perform them.

In the event a county board of developmental disabilities determines that a family member, when authorizing such care, acted in a manner that is inappropriate for the health and safety of the individual with developmental disabilities receiving such care, requires the county board to authorize appropriately licensed or certified providers to instead perform health care tasks for the individual, rather than the in-home worker.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD1 Supported decision-making plans

R.C. 5123.68, 5123.681, 5123.682, 5123.683, 5123.684, 5123.685, 5123.686

Establishes a presumption that all adults with developmental disabilities are capable of making their own decisions and are competent to handle their own affairs unless otherwise determined by a court.

Permits an adult with a developmental disability (known as the principal) to establish a formal or informal supported decision-making plan with one or more chosen supporters.

Permits a supported decision-making plan to be presented to a probate court as a less restrictive alternative to guardianship (under existing law that requires a probate court to consider less restrictive alternatives when guardianship has been requested).

Requires DODD to create informational materials about supported decision-making plans and to create a model written supported decision-making plan.

Fiscal effect: None.

DDDCD5 ICF/IID professional workforce development payment

R.C. 5124.15

For FY 2026, specifies that the professional workforce development payment component of an ICF/IID's per Medicaid day payment rate equals 10.405% of an ICF/IID's desk reviewed, actual, allowable, per Medicaid day direct care costs from the applicable cost report year.

Fiscal effect: Estimated at \$54 million all funds (\$15 million state share) in FY 2026. This covers the gap between the calendar-year cost reports and the fiscal-year-based rate increases.

Executive

DDDCD12 Special Olympics

Section: 261.20

Requires that the GRF ALI 320411, Special Olympics, be distributed to the Special Olympics of Ohio in support of the Ohio Special Olympics Summer Games.

DDDCD13 Developmental disabilities facilities lease-rental bond payments

Section: 261.30

Requires that the GRF ALI 320415, Developmental Disabilities Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, be used to meet all payments during FY 2026 and FY 2027 by DODD for leases and agreements.

DDDCD14 Multi-system youth

Section: 261.40

Allows a portion of the GRF ALI 322422, Multi-System Youth, to be used to provide a subsidy to eligible county boards of developmental disabilities to provide respite services and other services and supports for youth with complex or multi-system needs to enable them to remain in their homes with their families or in their communities.

DDDCD15 Technology first

Section: 261.50

Allows a portion of the GRF ALI 322423, Technology First, to be used to increase access and use of innovative technology for people with developmental disabilities.

DDDCD16 Employment first

Section: 261.60

Requires that the GRF ALI 322508, Employment First Initiative, be used to increase employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Requires the DODD Director to transfer a portion of the appropriation each year to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities to be used as state matching funds to obtain available federal grant dollars for vocational rehabilitation services.

Requires the remainder of the appropriation be used to develop a long-term, sustainable system that places individuals with developmental disabilities in community employment.

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DDDCD17 Community supports and rental assistance

Section: 261.70

Allows the DODD Director to use a portion of the GRF ALI 322509, Community Supports and Rental Assistance, to provide funding to county boards of developmental disabilities for rental assistance to (1) individuals with developmental disabilities receiving home- and community-based services (HCBS), and (2) individuals with developmental disabilities who enroll in a Medicaid HCBS waiver.

DDDCD18 Medicaid services

Section: 261.80

Specifies that within GRF ALI 653407, Medicaid Services, appropriate uses include HCBS, ICF/IID services, and other programs identified by the DODD Director.

DDDCD19 Central office operating expenses

Section: 261.90

Earmarks \$100,000 in each fiscal year from DPF Fund 5GE0 ALI 320606, Central Office Operating Expenses, for the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence to establish a lifespan autism hub to support families and professionals.

DDDCD20 County board share of waiver services

Section: 261.100

Requires the DODD Director to establish a methodology to estimate the quarterly amount each county board of developmental disabilities is to pay of the nonfederal share of home- and community-based services. Requires the director to submit to a county board each quarter written notice of the amount to be paid for that quarter, and the date payment is due.

DDDCD21 Withholding of funds owed DODD

Section: 261.110

Allows the DODD Director to withhold any amount unpaid by a county board of developmental disabilities from any amounts due to the county board.

DDDCD22 DODD innovative pilot projects

Section: 261.120

Allows the DODD Director to authorize the continued implementation of innovative pilot projects that are likely to assist in promoting DODD and county board objectives.

Prohibits the Director from authorizing a pilot project be implemented in a manner that would cause the state to be out of compliance with any requirements of a program funded with federal funds.

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DDDCD23 Payments rates for homemaker/personal care services

Section: 261.130

Specifies the total Medicaid payment rate for each 15 minutes of routine homemaker/personal care services provided to a qualifying enrollee by a Medicaid provider be 52 cents higher than the Medicaid payment rate in effect on the day the services were provided.

Requires portions of GRF ALI 653407, Medicaid Services, and FED Fund 3A40 ALI 653654, Medicaid Services, be used to pay the Medicaid payment rate specified above.

Fiscal effect: The fiscal impact of this continuation of current policy depends on service use and the number of individuals who qualify for the increased rates.

DDDCD24 ICF workforce development payments

Section: 261.140

Requires a portion of GRF ALI 653407, Medicaid Services, and FED Fund 3A40 ALI 653654, Medicaid Services, to be used in FY 2026 to maintain rates supporting the professional workforce development payment.

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School Funding

EDUCD19 Career-tech associated services funding

R.C. 3317.014

Eliminates the express authorization for a school district to use its career-technical associated services funds to pay apprenticeship coordinators, coordinators for other career-technical education services, career-technical evaluation, and other purposes designated by DEW.

Expressly permits school districts to use career-technical associated services funds for the following purposes:

- (1) Engaging and collaborating with education and workforce stakeholders in the service area;
- (2) Developing and maintaining a comprehensive plan to increase career-focused education activities;
- (3) Ensuring that plans are informed by quality data and using data to expand access to career-focused activities for all students;
- (4) Planning and allocating resources for the growth, sustainability, and enhancement of career-focused activities in the long term;
- (5) Establishing continuous improvement and program approval processes.

EDUCD20 Career awareness and exploration funds

R.C. 3317.014

Requires the lead district of each career-technical planning district (CTPD) receiving career awareness and exploration funds to report to DEW on the use of those funds.

Permits the lead district of a CTPD to use career awareness and exploration funds to provide mentorship opportunities through which students may learn about careers and workforce skills.

Fiscal effect: Increases the administrative workload of CTPD lead districts.

EDUCD26 Traditional school district funding formula

R.C. 3317.022, 3317.012, 3317.014, 3317.016, 3317.017, 3317.018, 3317.019, 3317.02, 3317.021, 3317.0212, 3317.0215, 3317.0217, 3317.0218, 3317.051, 3317.25, Sections 265.220, 265.230, 265.450

Extends the operation of the school financing system established by H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly to FY 2026 and FY 2027, but makes the following changes for traditional school districts:

- (1) Requires the use of the FY 2024 statewide average base cost per pupil in FY 2026 and FY 2027.
- (2) Requires the use of the FY 2024 statewide average career-technical base cost per pupil in FY 2026 and FY 2027.
- (3) Requires DEW to calculate a district's building leadership support base cost using the number of school buildings in the district for the preceding fiscal year.
- (4) Eliminates the payment of school district gifted professional development funds.

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- (5) Increases the general phase-in percentage and disadvantaged pupil impact aid (DPIA) phase-in percentage from 66.67% in FY 2025 to 83.33% in FY 2026 and 100% in FY 2027.
- (6) Increases the minimum transportation state share percentage from 41.67% in FY 2025 to 45.83% in FY 2026 and 50% in FY 2027.
- (7) Requires DEW to use data from the previous fiscal year to establish the target number of qualifying riders per bus for each traditional school district.
- (8) Extends the payment of temporary transitional aid to school districts based on FY 2020 funding bases to FY 2026 and FY 2027, but decreases the bases to 95% of FY 2020 amounts in FY 2026 and 90% of FY 2020 amounts in FY 2027.
- (9) Extends the payment of temporary transitional aid for transportation to school districts based on FY 2020 funding bases to FY 2026 and FY 2027, but decreases the bases to 95% of FY 2020 amounts in FY 2026 and 90% of FY 2020 amounts in FY 2027.
- (10) Extends the payment of a formula transition supplement to school districts based on FY 2021 funding bases to FY 2026 and FY 2027, but decreases the bases to 95% of FY 2021 amounts in FY 2026 and 90% of FY 2021 amounts in FY 2027.
- (11) Requires the Tax Commissioner to certify the median, instead of the total, federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) of a school district's residents for use by DEW in making computations for the district.
- (12) Extends to FY 2026 and FY 2027 the requirement for DEW to calculate base costs for traditional school districts based on the sum of the enrolled ADM of every district that reported that data.

Requires, generally, that calculations for FY 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter be determined by the General Assembly.

Fiscal effect: The estimated allocation of foundation aid for traditional school districts is \$8.09 billion in FY 2026 and \$8.05 billion in FY 2027.

EDUCD28 Joint vocational school district funding formula

R.C. 3317.022, 3317.012, 3317.014, 3317.016, 3317.018, 3317.02, 3317.0215, 3317.16, 3317.162, 3317.165, 3317.25, Sections 265.220, 265.230, 265.450

Extends the operation of the school financing system established by H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly to FY 2026 and FY 2027, but makes applicable changes for joint vocational school districts (JVSDs) that are substantially similar to those for traditional school districts (see EDUCD26), except for the following changes to the state share calculation:

- (1) Requires DEW to calculate a JVSD's per-pupil local capacity amount for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by multiplying 1/2 mill (0.0005) by the lesser of the JVSD's three-year average valuation or its most recent valuation and dividing the product by the JVSD's base cost enrolled ADM.
- (2) Requires DEW to calculate a JVSD's state share percentage for FY 2026 and FY 2027 by dividing the difference between a JVSD's per-pupil base cost and its per-pupil local capacity amount by the per-pupil base cost, with a minimum of 10%.
- (3) Requires DEW to calculate a JVSD's state share of the base cost by multiplying the district's per-pupil base cost by its state share percentage and then by the district's current year enrolled ADM.

Requires, generally, that calculations for FY 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter be determined by the General Assembly.

Fiscal effect: The estimated allocation of foundation aid to JVSDs is \$540.7 million in FY 2026 and \$569.8 million in FY 2027.

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EDUCD29 Community and STEM school funding formula

R.C. 3317.022, 3314.08, 3317.014, 3317.016, 3317.018, 3317.0110, 3317.02, 3317.026, 3317.0212, 3317.0215, 3317.25, 3326.44, Sections 265.220, 265.230, 265.450

Extends the operation of the school financing system for community and STEM schools established by H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly to FY 2026 and FY 2027, but makes applicable changes that are substantially similar to those for traditional school districts (see EDUCD26).

Codifies the equity supplement that pays each site-based community school \$650 for each enrolled student and extends the payment to STEM schools.

Requires, generally, that calculations for FY 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter be determined by the General Assembly.

Fiscal effect: The estimated allocation of foundation aid to community and STEM schools is \$1.34 billion in FY 2026 and \$1.42 billion in FY 2027.

EDUCD87 Special education transportation funding

R.C. 3317.024

Extends the formula for determining special education transportation payments to FY 2026 and FY 2027 but makes the following changes:

- (1) Increases the minimum state share percentage for traditional district payments from 41.67% in FY 2025 to 45.83% in FY 2026 and 50% in FY 2027.
- (2) Increases the percentages used to calculate the payments to county boards of developmental disabilities and ESCs to the same as those used for traditional districts.

Fiscal effect: The bill earmarks up to \$176.9 million in FY 2026 and up to \$194.8 million in FY 2027 for special education transportation from GRF ALI 200502, Pupil Transportation (see EDUCD6).

EDUCD88 Preschool special education funding

R.C. 3317.0213

Extends the formula used for calculating preschool special education payments to FY 2026 and FY 2027. Requires payments for FY 2028 and thereafter to be based on a formula to be determined by the General Assembly.

Fiscal effect: The bill allocates \$154.0 million in each fiscal year for preschool special education payments from GRF ALI 200540, Special Education Enhancements (see EDUCD93).

EDUCD89 Educational service center (ESC) funding

R.C. 3317.11

Extends the formula for the state operating subsidy to ESCs to FY 2026 and FY 2027 using the same general phase-in percentage as for traditional school districts (see EDUCD56). Requires the calculations for FY 2028 and thereafter to be determined by the General Assembly.

Fiscal effect: The bill earmarks \$49.2 million in FY 2026 and \$51.0 million in FY 2027 for ESCs from GRF ALI 200550, Foundation Funding - All Students (see EDUCD56).

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EDUCD90 Special education payments to county developmental disabilities boards and institutions

R.C. 3317.20, 3317.201

Extends the formula for funding special education and related services for school-age children provided through county boards of developmental disabilities (DD) and institutions (i.e., schools operated by the departments of Rehabilitation and Corrections and Youth Services) for FY 2026 and FY 2027. Requires that calculations for FY 2028 and thereafter be determined by the General Assembly.

Fiscal effect: The bill earmarks up to \$33.9 million in each fiscal year for the payments from GRF ALI 200540, Special Education Enhancements (see EDUCD93).

EDUCD22 Disadvantaged pupil impact aid (DPIA) spending requirements

R.C. 3317.25, 3302.13

Requires each city, local, or exempted village school district or community school that was required to submit a reading achievement improvement plan in the prior fiscal year to spend at least 50% of its disadvantaged pupil impact aid (DPIA) in the current fiscal year on initiatives in reading improvement and intervention and professional development in literacy instruction.

Requires any other school district, community school, or STEM school to spend at least 25% of its DPIA in the current fiscal year on initiatives in reading improvement and intervention and professional development in literacy instruction.

Adds community mental health prevention providers as community partners with which a school district, community school, or STEM school may develop its plan for spending DPIA.

Fiscal effect: May reduce district flexibility in the spending of DPIA. In FY 2024, 46 school districts and 104 community schools were required to submit a reading achievement improvement plan to DEW.

EDUCD23 Student wellness and success funds (SWSF) spending requirements

R.C. 3317.26

Requires each district or school's plan for the use of student wellness and success funds to be developed annually.

Requires each district or school to "cooperate and consult" with selected community partners, in addition to "coordinating" with them in developing the plan under continuing law.

Requires the planning process for a student wellness and success funds plan to include opportunities for the district's or school's selected community partners to provide meaningful input and feedback to each of the required components of the plan.

Requires the plan to include:

- (1) The type of each initiative the district or school will implement;
- (2) The amount of funding that will be used for each initiative;

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- (3) The name of the selected community partners with which the plan is being developed;
- (4) The type of needs assessment or data used to identify the need for each initiative;
- (5) The goal of each initiative; and
- (6) How the impact of each initiative will be measured or evaluated.

Requires the sharing of each district or school's plan at a public meeting of its district board or governing authority and the posting of the plan on its website within 30 days of the plan's creation or amendment to occur annually, and requires the website on which the plan is posted to be "publicly accessible."

Requires each district or school to submit a link to the posted plan to DEW within that same 30-day time frame each year.

Fiscal effect: Increases district and school administrative workload.

EDUCD31 Quality Community and Independent STEM School Support Program

R.C. 3317.27, 3317.28, 3317.29

Codifies the Quality Community and Independent School Support programs as follows:

Requires DEW to pay each designated school up to \$3,000 per fiscal year for each student identified as economically disadvantaged and up to \$2,250 in each fiscal year for all other students.

Requires DEW to calculate each fiscal year's payment based on the adjusted FTE number of students enrolled as of the date the payment is made, and requires DEW to make periodic payments to each designated school beginning in January of that fiscal year.

Requires DEW to designate as a community school of quality each community school that meets one of the following criteria:

- (1) The school's sponsor was rated "exemplary" or "effective" on its most recent evaluation, the school received a higher performance index score on its two most recent report cards than the district in which the school is located, the school received a performance rating of four stars or higher for the progress component on its most recent report card or is a dropout prevention or recovery school or a special education school and did not receive a rating for the progress component on its most recent report card, and at least 50% of enrolled students were economically disadvantaged in the prior fiscal year.
- (2) The school's sponsor was rated "exemplary" or "effective" on its most recent evaluation, the school is in its first year of operation or opened as a kindergarten school and has added one grade per year and has been in operation for less than four school years, the school is replicating an operational and instructional model used by a community school that meets criteria (1) above, and if the school has an operator, the operator received a rating of at least three stars on its most recent performance report.

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(3) The school's sponsor is rated "exemplary" or "effective" on its most recent evaluation; the school contracts with an operator that operates schools in other states and either received funding through the Federal Charter School Program or the Charter School Growth Fund or one of the operator's out-of-state schools performed better than the district in which the in-state school is located as determined by DEW, at least 50% of the operator's total student enrollment is economically disadvantaged, the operator is in good standing in all states where it operates schools, DEW has determined the operator does not have financial viability issues preventing it from effectively operating in Ohio, the school is replicating an operational and instructional model through an agreement with a college or university or its equivalent in another state that performed better than the school district in which the school is located, as determined by DEW; and the school in its first year of operation or opened on July 1, 2022 and has not previously been designated a community school of quality.

Requires a school designated as a community school of quality to maintain that designation for the two fiscal years following the fiscal year in which the school was first designated.

Permits a school designated as a community school of quality to renew its designation each year that it satisfies criteria (1) above and requires the school to maintain that designation for the two fiscal years following each fiscal year in which criteria (1) above is satisfied.

Requires a school first designated as a community school of quality under criteria (2) above for the 2022-2023 school year to be considered to maintain that designation through the 2027-2028 school year and permits such a school to renew its designation under the procedure for schools designated under criteria (1) above.

Permits the surviving community school of a merger occurring on or after June 30, 2022 to receive funds under the program, provided it otherwise qualifies as a community school of quality. Requires the payment to such a school for a fiscal year to be calculated using the adjusted FTE number of students enrolled in the school for that fiscal year as of the date the payments are made, as reported by the surviving school, regardless of whether those students were previously enrolled in a school that dissolved under the merger. Requires a school qualified to receive funds prior to merging on or after June 30, 2022 and that dissolved due to the merger to have been considered eligible for funds under the program prior to the bill's effective date and not be required to return any funds received prior to that date.

Requires DEW, no later than December 31 of each fiscal year, to designate as an independent STEM school of quality each STEM school that meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Operates autonomously.
- (2) Does not have a STEM school equivalent designation.
- (3) Is not governed by a school district.
- (4) Is not a community school.
- (5) Cannot levy taxes or issue tax-secured bonds.
- (6) Satisfies the requirements to be designated a STEM school by the STEM Committee.
- (7) Satisfies the requirements described in the DEW's Quality Model for STEM and STEAM Schools.

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Requires a school designated as an independent STEM school of quality to maintain that designation for the two fiscal years following the fiscal year in which the school was first designated.

Permits a school designated as an independent STEM school of quality to renew its designation each year that it satisfies the criteria above and requires the school to maintain that designation for the two fiscal years following each fiscal year in which the criteria are satisfied.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$136.5 million in each fiscal year from Fund 7017 ALI 200631, Quality Community and Independent STEM Schools Support, to make the payments (see EDUCD81).

EDUCD30 Community and STEM school facilities funding

R.C. 3317.31

Codifies the provision of law requiring DEW to annually pay \$25 for each student enrolled in an internet- or computer-based community school and \$1,500 (increased from \$1,000 under temporary law for FY 2024 and FY 2025) for each student enrolled in all other community or STEM schools for assistance with facilities costs.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$133.2 million in each fiscal year from Fund 7017 ALI 200684, Community School Facilities, to make the payments (see EDUCD82).

EDUCD59 Power Plant Valuation Adjustment

Section: 265.240

Requires DEW to make an additional payment to school districts that have at least one power plant in their territory and that experience both at least a 10% decrease in public utility tangible personal property (PUTPP) value and an overall negative change in PUTPP subject to taxation between either: (1) tax year (TY) 2017 and the preceding tax year (e.g., TY 2025, for purposes of the FY 2026 payment); or (2) the preceding tax year and the second preceding tax year (e.g., between TY 2024 and TY 2025, for purposes of the FY 2026 payment).

Calculates the payment for an eligible district generally based on a recomputation of the district’s FY 2019 foundation aid using the preceding year’s total taxable valuation (instead of the three-year average valuation used to determine funding for FY 2019) and the change in local property taxes between TY 2017 and the preceding tax year

Requires DEW to make payments for FY 2026 in June 2026, and payments for FY 2027 in June 2027.

Fiscal effect: The bill earmarks \$7 million in each fiscal year for these payments from GRF ALI 200550, Foundation Funding - All Students (see EDUCD56).

Community Schools

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EDUCD42 Definition of high-performing community school - access to school district property

R.C. 3313.413

Replaces the definition of “high-performing community school” in the law regarding the right of first refusal to purchase, and the involuntary disposition of, school district property (currently based on increased performance index scores and report card performance ratings for the Achievement, Progress, or, for certain schools, the Early Literacy component) so that it applies to a community school that meets at least one of the following sets of conditions:

- (1) The community school:
 - (a) Received a higher performance index score than the school district in which it is located on the two most recently issued state report cards; and
 - (b) Either:
 - (i) Received a performance rating of four stars or higher for the Progress component on its most recent report card; or
 - (ii) Enrolls a majority of students who are in a dropout prevention and recovery program and did not receive a rating for the Progress component on the most recent report card.
- (2) The community school serves only grades kindergarten through three and received a performance rating of four stars or higher for the Early Literacy component on the most recent report card;
- (3) The community school has not commenced operations or has been in operation for less than one school year and:
 - (a) The school is replicating an operational and instructional model used by another high performing community school; and
 - (b) The school either:
 - (i) Has an operator that received an overall rating of three stars or higher, or a "C" or higher, on its most recent performance report; or
 - (ii) Does not have an operator and is sponsored by a sponsor that was rated "exemplary" or "effective" on its most recent evaluation.

Fiscal effect: May change the community schools that have the opportunity to obtain space for operation. The revised definition of a “high-performing community school” aligns to the criteria used to designate community schools for the Quality Community School Support Program.

EDUCD43 Dropout prevention and recovery community schools

R.C. 3314.02, 3314.362

Defines "dropout prevention and recovery community school" as a community school that enrolls only students who are between the ages of 14 and 21, and who, at the time of their initial enrollment, are at least one grade level behind their cohort age groups or experience crises that significantly interfere with their academic progress such that they are prevented from continuing their traditional educational programs.

Permits a community school that primarily serves students enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery (DOPR) program to continue operating in the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years without complying with this definition. Requires each community school that primarily serves students enrolled in a DOPR program to comply with the definition on and after July 1, 2027.

Requires each community school that primarily serves students enrolled in a DOPR program, upon approval of the school's sponsor, to (1) transfer those grades that do not comply to a separate community school or (2) cease offering those grades.

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Requires a community school that primarily serves students enrolled in a DOPR program to assist students who are not eligible to enroll in a "dropout prevention and recovery community school" to transfer to the separate community school or enroll in a different school.

Requires DEW to assign any separate community school created in compliance with the new definition its own internal retrieval number (IRN, a unique code used by DEW to identify districts, schools, and other entities).

Fiscal effect: May increase administrative costs for DOPR schools to (1) spin off, to a separate school, grades serving students that do not comply with the proposed definition and (2) assist students with transferring to that or a different school. Currently, 84 (25%) community schools carry the DOPR designation, collectively educating about 23,000 FTE students.

EDUCD84 Community school operating from home

Section: 265.410

Permits a community school opened prior to May 1, 2005 to operate from or in any home located in the state, regardless of where the community school's operations from or in a particular home began.

Educator Provisions

EDUCD97 Youth suicide awareness and prevention and child sexual abuse educator in-service training

R.C. 3319.073

Eliminates the option for each school district, community school, STEM school, or college-preparatory boarding school to adopt or adapt curriculum developed by DEW on youth suicide awareness and prevention for use in delivering in-service educator training on those topics (see EDUCD39), thus requiring each district or school to develop its own curriculum.

Eliminates the option for a school employee to satisfy youth suicide awareness in-service training through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials approved by the school board or governing authority.

Eliminates the requirement that child sexual abuse in-service training for educators be provided by law enforcement officers or prosecutors and instead requires a district board to develop its own curriculum in consultation with public or private agencies.

Fiscal effect: May increase school district costs to develop and offer the training for those that do not do so already, but provides additional flexibility in how it is provided. According to DEW, schools have had difficulty finding law enforcement officers or prosecutors who are able to provide the staff training on child sexual abuse.

EDUCD50 Teacher assignments

R.C. 3319.173

Requires a school district superintendent to assign teachers based on the best interests of the students enrolled in the district and prohibits them from using seniority or continuing contract status as the primary factor in determining assignments.

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Specifies that the law pertaining to teacher assignments prevails over conflicting provisions of collective bargaining agreements between employee organizations and public employers entered into on or after the provision's effective date.

Fiscal effect: Provides greater flexibility for school districts to meet staffing needs.

EDUCD57 Science of Reading professional development

R.C. 3319.2310, 3301.0714, 3313.6028

Requires DEW to maintain an introductory training course on the Science of Reading for licensed educators and develop a competency-based training course to update and reinforce educators' skills in the Science of Reading.

Requires each public school teacher, administrator, school psychologist, or speech-language psychologist to complete training in the science of reading every five years.

Requires training to be completed by either July 30, 2030, if the individual was hired prior to July 1, 2025, or one year after the date of hiring, if the individual was hired on or after July 1, 2025, but exempts individuals who completed similar training or appropriate coursework as part of an educator preparation program.

Requires districts and schools to report the number of individuals who have completed Science of Reading training to DEW through the Education Management Information System (EMIS).

Requires a professional development committee to count Science of Reading training toward professional development requirements for educator licensure renewal.

Specifies the grade bands that must receive specific instruction from the lists of curriculum that are aligned with the Science of Reading established by DEW as follows:

Grades preK-5 must receive core curriculum and instructional materials in English language arts;

Grades preK-12 must receive instruction in evidence-based reading intervention programs.

Fiscal effect: Minimal. DEW already maintains professional development courses on the Science of Reading. Increases district and school workload to comply with the reporting requirement.

EDUCD55 Principal apprenticeship program

R.C. 3319.271

Requires DEW to establish a principal apprenticeship program to provide pathways for licensed teachers employed in Ohio and professionals in other fields to receive school leadership and administration training and development, and an optional master's degree.

Permits DEW to give preference to applicants with multiple years of classroom teaching experience or experience in the same career field and in teaching, training, or supervising others.

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Requires participants of the program to be mentored by a school principal and complete on-the-job training.

Requires the State Board of Education to issue a professional administrator license for grades preK-12 to individuals who successfully complete the program.

Fiscal effect: The bill earmarks \$5.0 million in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 200448, Educator and Principal Preparation, to fund the program (see EDUCD91).

Other Education Provisions

EDUCD25 Absence intervention and truancy

R.C. 2151.27, 3313.609, 3321.16, 3321.19, 3321.191 (reenacted), 3321.21, 3321.22

Repeals the requirement that a school district, community school, or STEM school assign habitual truants to an absence intervention team and adopt a prescribed absence intervention plan.

Instead, requires each district, community school, and STEM school to adopt a policy in consultation with the juvenile court that does all of the following:

- (1) Acknowledges that student absences from school for any reason, whether excused or unexcused, take away from instructional time and have an adverse effect on student learning;
- (2) Identifies strategies to prevent students from becoming chronically absent;
- (3) Includes procedures for notifying a student's parent, guardian, or custodian, when the student has been absent from school for a number of hours determined by the board, which cannot exceed 5% of the minimum number of hours required in the school year;
- (4) Establishes a tiered system that provides more intensive interventions and supports for students with greater numbers of absences and includes resources to help students and their families address the root causes of the absences;
- (5) Provides for one or more absence intervention teams to work with students at risk of becoming chronically absent and their families to improve the students' attendance at school;
- (6) Prohibits suspending, expelling, or otherwise preventing a student from attending school based on the student's absences.

Permits a district, community school, or STEM school to consult or partner with public and nonprofit agencies to provide assistance to students and families in reducing absences.

Defines "chronically absent" as missing at least 10% of the minimum number of hours required in the school year.

Removes a requirement that a school district or community school prohibit the grade level promotion of a student that has been truant for more than 10% of the required attendance days of the school year.

Eliminates the timeline under which a school district attendance officer must file a complaint in juvenile court against a truant student and instead requires a complaint only if the school district determines that the student is not making satisfactory progress in improving the student's attendance at school.

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Requires that a filed complaint allege that the child is an unruly child for being a habitual truant and that the parent or guardian has violated the duty to cause the child to attend school.

Clarifies that certain required notices to parents regarding truancy and consequences that include proof of receipt by the recipient and is sent by email or text message, in addition to registered mail, regular mail with certificate of mailing, or other form of delivery, is a legal notice.

Fiscal effect: Likely shifts district and school spending in this area from compliance activities to prevention and early intervention.

EDUCD34 Universal K-3 diagnostic assessment and kindergarten readiness assessment

R.C. 3301.079, 3301.0714, 3301.0715, 3302.03, 3313.608, Section 733.30

Requires DEW to, by June 30, 2026, adopt a diagnostic assessment for reading and math for students in each of grades K-3.

Requires the diagnostic assessment for reading to be aligned to the science of reading.

Eliminates the requirements that blank copies of diagnostic assessments be public records and that DEW make the assessments available to school districts at no cost to the district.

Requires school districts, community schools, and STEM schools to administer the diagnostic assessments to their students by September 30 of each year, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

Requires districts and schools to administer diagnostic assessments to a student with a significant cognitive disability in accordance with guidelines adopted by DEW.

Eliminates the authority of districts and schools to use an alternative assessment to measure reading skills under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee and, for districts and schools that achieve specified scores on the state report card, to administer alternative diagnostic assessments.

Requires districts and schools to use and score the kindergarten readiness assessment (KRA) in accordance with rules established by the Department of Children and Youth.

Eliminates the requirement that DEW include data from the KRA on the state report cards of districts and schools.

Removes DEW from KRA data collection and reporting.

Fiscal effect: May increase DEW's GRF assessment system costs to procure or develop the K-3 diagnostic assessments. Increases school district and other public school costs to administer the diagnostic assessments.

EDUCD45 Public release of state test questions

R.C. 3301.0711

Reduces the number of state assessment test questions that must be made public record from 40% to 20% beginning with the state assessments administered in the spring of the 2025-2026 school year.

Eliminates out-of-date provisions that make questions on state assessments administered prior to the 2017-2018 school year public records.

Executive

Fiscal effect: Reduces GRF assessment system costs by \$2.8 million or more per year.

EDUCD36 Math curriculum and instructional materials reporting

R.C. 3301.0714

Requires public schools to report their math core curriculum and instructional materials for grades preK-12 through the Education Management Information System (EMIS).

Fiscal effect: May increase public school and DEW administrative costs.

EDUCD14 Artificial intelligence policies

R.C. 3301.24, 3414.03, 3326.11

Requires DEW to adopt a model policy by December 31, 2025, to address the appropriate use of artificial intelligence by students and staff for educational purposes.

Requires each school district, community school, and STEM school to adopt a policy on the use of artificial intelligence by July 1, 2026. Permits a district or school to adopt the model policy developed by DEW.

Permits DEW to collect data from districts and schools on their use of artificial intelligence.

Fiscal effect: May increase public school and DEW administrative costs.

EDUCD16 List of high-quality tutoring programs

R.C. 3301.36

Requires DEW to request program efficacy data or other evidence of effectiveness for participating students when soliciting qualifications for the list of high-quality tutoring programs required under continuing law.

Requires DEW to remove from the high-quality tutoring program list any program that is not aligned to the science of reading or that uses a three-cueing approach.

Requires DEW to, at least every three years after the initial list is posted, provide an opportunity for entities to submit their qualifications for consideration to be included on the list and post an updated list on DEW's website.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

EDUCD49 Demand side educator employment data

R.C. 3301.82

Requires DEW to annually collect school district employment and vacancy data for a number of positions, aggregate the number of vacant positions by a number of listed categories, and annually publish and summarize the data collected on its web site.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

Executive

EDUCD35 Report card - Early Literacy component

R.C. 3302.03, 3313.6113

Eliminates the percentage of students promoted to the fourth grade under the Third Grade Reading Guarantee as a performance measure for the Early Literacy component on the state report card for public schools.

Assigns weights of 50% to each of the two remaining measures of the Early Literacy component: (1) the proficiency rate on the reading segment of the third grade English language arts assessment and (2) progress in improving literacy in grades K-3. Requires DEW to prescribe a performance rating for the Early Literacy component by rule if one of these two remaining measures is not included on a district or school’s report card.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

EDUCD44 Report card - College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness (CCWMR) component

R.C. 3302.03, Section 265.550

Eliminates law that subjects to JCARR approval whether, beginning with a district’s or school building’s report card for the 2024-2025 school year, DEW must assign a performance rating to the report card’s CCWMR component and factor it into the calculation’s overall rating

Requires DEW to report the CCWMR component as report-only data on school district and building report cards for the 2024-2025 school year.

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires DEW to assign a performance rating for the CCWMR component and eliminates the prohibition against the method for assigning a rating including a tiered structure or per-student bonuses. Requires DEW to factor it into the calculation of an overall rating.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

EDUCD11 Educational Regional Service System (ERSS)

R.C. 3312.01, 3312.02 (reenacted), 3312.07, 3312.08, 3312.09, 3312.10, 3312.13. Repealed: 3312.02, 3312.03, 3312.04, 3312.05, 3312.06

Eliminates the 16 statutorily established ERSS regions (also known as state support teams or SSTs) and instead requires DEW to establish up to 16 regions within 180 days of the bill's effective date. Requires DEW to notify affected regions of subsequent changes at least 90 days before the fiscal year in which those changes will take effect.

Requires the ERSS to support state and regional workforce development initiatives, in addition to supporting education initiatives. Eliminates law establishing the intent of the ERSS to reduce unnecessary duplication of programs and services.

Expands ERSS service providers to include career-technical planning districts, county boards of developmental disabilities, Ohio college tech prep regional centers, and community colleges, in addition to educational service centers, information technology centers, and other regional education service providers as under continuing law.

Requires the ERSS to provide services to STEM schools and permits STEM schools to enter service agreements with information technology centers.

Eliminates ERSS regional advisory councils and subcommittees.

Executive

Permits career-technical planning districts, county boards of developmental disabilities, Ohio college tech prep regional centers, and community colleges to be the fiscal agent for an ERSS region, in addition to school districts and educational service centers as under continuing law.

Changes the criteria DEW must consider in selecting an ERSS region's fiscal agent by requiring an entity to provide an assurance it will limit aggregate fees for administering a performance contract to 5% of the contract's value, rather than a demonstrated intent to limit those fees to 7% as under current law.

Permits DEW to select an entity located in another ERSS region to be a fiscal agent for a region where no entity responded to or met the requirements in DEW's request for proposals.

Decreases the threshold to require Controlling Board approval from 4% to 3% of the value of a performance contract for aggregate personnel and program costs to be charged by a fiscal agent or its subcontractors to administer the contract.

Eliminates the requirement that, when entering into performance contracts with a fiscal agent and allocating state funds for ERSS, DEW consider the services that will be provided in a region from DEW's system of intensive, ongoing support for the improvement of school districts and school buildings.

Fiscal effect: Will depend on how DEW carries out the reforms, though the performance contract provisions may reduce administrative fee revenue to ERSS fiscal agents. ERSS services are provided at no cost to districts and schools. The teams that make up the ERSS are mainly funded by federal funds, mostly from Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) state activity dollars. The state provides funding to SSTs through an earmark of \$3.5 million each fiscal from GRF ALI 200550, Foundation Funding – All Students, for school improvement initiatives (see EDUCD56).

EDUCD47 Unused school facilities**R.C. 3313.411**

Revises the involuntary disposition of school district property law, as follows:

- (1) To determine whether a school building is an unused school facility, clarifies the building is unused if its student enrollment is less than 60% of either (A) the maximum student enrollment established in the building's architectural specifications or master design plan or (B) the building's greatest student enrollment in the ten most recent school years, including the current school year (current law identifies a building as an unused school facility if less than 60% of the building was used for direct academic instruction in the preceding school year).
- (2) Changes the value for which a school district must sell an unused school facility from the property's appraised fair market value to the property's appraised value as an educational facility.
- (3) Changes the sale method from an auction to a lottery if more than one high-performing community school notifies the district of its intention to purchase property.
- (4) Requires a district, if no high-performing community school located in the district offers to purchase or lease a property, to offer the property for sale or lease to high-performing community schools located outside of the district prior to offering to sell or lease the property to other start-up community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and STEM schools.
- (5) Requires each district annually to report to DEW by November 30 information related to determining whether a school building operated by the district is an unused school facility.

Executive

(6) Requires DEW annually to post by December 31 a list of unused school facilities in each school district.

Fiscal effect: May increase the number of facilities a district board of education has to offer for sale or lease to community schools.

EDUCD39 Instruction on mental health promotion, suicide prevention, and health and wellness outcomes; youth peer-led programming

R.C. 3313.60, 3301.221, 3313.6611, 3314.0311, 3314.0312, 3326.092, 3326.093

Requires each school district, STEM school, and community school annually to provide students in grades 6-12 developmentally appropriate, evidence-based instruction in mental health promotion and suicide prevention, instead of instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and safety training and violence prevention.

Requires the instruction to include information on the development and maintenance of positive mental health, stigma reduction, the signs and symptoms of depression, suicide, and self-harm, and seeking help for self and peers.

Eliminates the requirement that students receive evidence-based social inclusion instruction and instead requires students attending a school district, community school, or STEM school to receive annual evidence-based instruction in universal prevention practices or programs that teach students the necessary knowledge and skills to improve health and wellness outcomes.

Requires the instruction to focus on enhancing interpersonal skills, encouraging healthy decision making, and increasing resiliency.

Prior to providing such instruction, requires a district or school to notify each student's parent or guardian of the instruction, their ability to review any related instructional materials, and their option to opt the student out from receiving the instruction by submitting a written request.

Requires DEW to maintain a list of instructional materials for students in grades 6-12 at a school district, community school, or STEM school regarding mental health promotion and suicide prevention, instead of instruction in suicide awareness, social inclusion, and violence prevention.

Permits each school district, community school, STEM school, and college-preparatory boarding school to provide youth peer-led programming based on relational connections and youth empowerment models, instead of permitting a district or school to designate a student-led violence prevention club.

Requires youth peer-led programming to promote help-seeking behaviors and encourage students to individually assess and develop strengths in their life and removes the requirement to implement and sustain suicide and violence prevention and social inclusion training.

Fiscal effect: According to DEW, shifting to "universal" prevention education programs may lead to school districts and other public schools implementing the instruction more consistently and efficiently among grade levels. DEW reports that school districts have found difficulty in identifying prevention programs that comply with the law.

EDUCD15 Provision of high-dosage tutoring for students on reading improvement and monitoring plans

R.C. 3313.608

Eliminates the requirement that high dosage tutoring provided to students on reading improvement and monitoring plans by school districts, community schools, and STEM schools be provided outside of the student's regular instruction time.

Executive

Expressly permits a district or school to incorporate high-dosage tutoring into a student's regular instruction time.

Requires a locally approved high-dosage tutoring program to align with best practices identified by DEW.

Fiscal effect: Provides additional flexibility for districts to provide tutoring services.

EDUCD38 Qualify Career Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG) courses as an advanced standing program

R.C. 3313.6031, 3313.6013

Adds high school courses aligned to the Department of Higher Education's Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAG) to the list of programs that may be considered an "advanced standing program" at school districts, community schools, STEM schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and chartered nonpublic schools.

Requires each school district or high school that is a community school, STEM school, college preparatory boarding school, or chartered nonpublic high school that has students enrolled in CTAG-aligned courses to implement a policy for grading and calculating class standings for those courses in a similar fashion to College Credit Plus, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or honors courses.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

EDUCD46 Advanced math placement

R.C. 3313.6031

Requires each school district to provide advanced learning opportunities in math in the following school year for each student that achieves an advanced level of skill on a math achievement assessment or end-of-course exam.

Requires a student enrolled in an advanced math course to take the required corresponding math achievement assessment or end-of-course exam for that course.

Exempts from the requirements school districts that do not offer advanced learning opportunities in math for the grade in which the student is enrolled in the next school year.

Permits a student's parent or guardian to submit a written request to opt out of the advanced math learning opportunities and classes.

Fiscal effect: Likely minimal. According to DEW, these provisions aim to require districts to automatically enroll students who score at the advanced level of skill into advanced math classes if the district offers those classes for the student's grade level. As a point of reference, in the 2023-2024 school year, about 138,000 (16%) students taking the state math tests scored at an advanced level of skill.

EDUCD33 Career planning for graduation

R.C. 3313.617, 3313.6020

Requires a graduation plan for a public or chartered nonpublic high school student to also identify post-graduation career goals for the student and align their high school experience with those goals.

Executive

Permits graduation and career plans to be developed jointly by a student and a representative of an organization that has partnered with the school to provide career planning and advising supports.

Requires a public school to ensure that a graduation and career plan conforms to, rather than supplements, its existing career advising policy and that such plans for a student align to their student success plan.

Requires DEW to adopt rules regarding the content of graduation and career plans and to develop a career pathways resource, and requires school districts to annually distribute that resource to all students in grades 6-12.

Fiscal effect: DEW may incur administrative costs to adopt rules and develop career pathways resources. Public school administrative workload may increase to comply with additional career planning requirements.

EDUCD41 Work-based learning hours for graduation requirement

R.C. 3313.618

Shifts, for the purposes of demonstrating competency to meet the state's high school graduation requirements, a student's completion of 250 hours of work-based learning experience from a supporting option to a foundational option (continuing law permits a student that is unable to demonstrate competency by earning a certain score on state math and English language arts end-of-course exams to demonstrate competency by, among other avenues, showing career readiness in two career-focused activities, one of which must be a foundational option while the other may be a supporting option).

Fiscal effect: None.

EDUCD37 Industry-recognized credentials toward graduation requirements

R.C. 3313.6113, 3301.17, 3313.618, 3313.6114

Eliminates the requirement for the DEW Director's industry-recognized credentials committee to establish a point value system for credentials to help determine whether a student qualifies for a high school diploma and, instead, requires the committee to establish a new set of criteria for that purpose.

Fiscal effect: May increase DEW's costs to carry out this work.

EDUCD48 Payment of tuition for students receiving education in residential treatment facilities

R.C. 3313.64

Requires the school district where the child's parents reside to pay a residential treatment facility the cost for educational services provided when a child is parentally placed in that facility in consultation with and upon recommendation of, the OhioRISE Program.

Requires that the facility provide education services meeting minimum standards established by DEW, or substantially similar requirements of the jurisdiction if the facility is out of state, and permits the home facility to reduce instructional hours only as necessary to accommodate the child's treatment program.

Executive

Requires DEW to approve a formula to determine the total educational cost to be paid for the child, certify the total educational cost to be paid to the home or facility and the district that is paying tuition, and deduct the amount from the district’s basic state aid and pay that amount to the home or facility.

Establishes notice, discharge, and transcript and coursework transfer procedures and a procedure for re-determining a school district responsible for payment if a parent's resident district changes.

Requires high school students who are discharged from the home or facility and return to their parent's residence to meet graduation requirements that are no more stringent than those that apply to students who enroll in high school after receiving a home education.

Exempts a school district from the responsibility to pay tuition for a child who has been awarded a state scholarship.

Fiscal effect: Clarifies payment and discharge procedures for children receiving education services through a placement in a residential treatment facility under OhioRISE, which is a specialized Medicaid managed care program that launched in the summer of 2022 to better serve children and youth with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs. According to DEW, the law does not currently address which school district is responsible for paying tuition for a child who is placed in a residential treatment facility and receives education services through the facility (rather than from the district where the facility is located).

EDUCD13 Use of cellular telephones by students

R.C. 3313.753

Requires each school district, community school, and STEM school to adopt a policy by January 1, 2026 prohibiting the use of cellular telephones by students during the instructional day, except for student learning or to monitor or address a health concern.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

Executive

EDUCD27 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) participation

R.C. 3313.8110, 3314.03, 3326.11

Requires each school district, community school, and STEM school that participates in the federal school breakfast or lunch program and has an identified student percentage (i.e., the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals through direct certification due to their participation in certain other assistance programs) of at least 25% to participate in CEP and provide a free breakfast or lunch, respectively, to each enrolled student.

Fiscal effect: May increase or decrease a district or school's federal school meal program reimbursements depending on whether a district or school currently participates and their identified student percentage. May reduce school meal program administration costs for districts and schools that do not currently participate in CEP and meet the 25% threshold. May indirectly decrease state foundation aid for districts and schools. DEW currently uses free and reduced-price lunch eligibility to identify students as economically disadvantaged for purposes of the state foundation aid formula's Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid (DPIA) component. DPIA is based in part on how a district or school's concentration of students identified as economically disadvantaged compares to the state average. The bill's provision likely increases the population of students identified as economically disadvantaged, which in turn will increase the statewide average percentage of those students. As the statewide percentage rises, some districts' individual economically disadvantaged percentages may be smaller relative to the statewide percentage, resulting in decreased DPIA.

EDUCD18 Middle school career-technical education

R.C. 3313.90

Eliminates, beginning in FY 2027, waivers from a school district's obligation to provide career-technical education to seventh and eighth graders.

Fiscal effect: May increase costs for the 34% of districts that currently receive a waiver. However, those districts may also gain state aid. According to DEW, students in grades 7-8 who participate in approved career connection courses generate career-technical education weighted funds through the state foundation aid formula. Career connections courses involve career awareness and exploration activities.

EDUCD12 Competency-based adult education programs

R.C. 3313.902, 3314.38, 3345.86 (all repealed and reenacted), Section 733.20. Repealed: R.C. 3317.036, 3317.23, 3317.231, 3317.24

Eliminates the Adult Diploma Program and 22+ Adult High School Diploma Program.

Permits an eligible city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, community school, community college, state community college, technical college, university branch campus, or Ohio technical center ("provider") to establish a competency-based educational program for eligible individuals to earn a high school diploma.

Qualifies individuals who are at least 18 years old, have officially withdrawn from school, and who have not received a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalence to participate in a competency-based educational program.

Requires DEW to award a high school diploma to enrolled individuals who demonstrate competency through specified activities or earn specified course credits.

Executive

Requires providers to report each individual enrolled in a competency-based educational program to DEW. Requires DEW to certify the enrollment and attendance of individuals reported by providers and make a payment to each provider of up to \$7,500 per school year based on the extent of each enrolled individual's successful completion of the program's diploma requirements.

Permits a provider to request DEW to permit an eligible individual to enroll in a program for more than the three permitted school years due to a hardship that necessitates additional time to meet the diploma requirements.

Requires a provider to contact individuals who receive a diploma under a program to collect data on the individual's career and educational outcomes and report that data to DEW.

Authorizes DEW to adopt rules for the programs as necessary, including program standards, requirements for determining amounts paid to providers, and guidelines for approving hardship requests for program participants.

Permits an individual enrolled in the Adult Diploma Program or 22+ Adult High School Diploma Program to either complete that program, so long as the individual completes it by June 30, 2027, or complete a new program established by the bill. Requires DEW to pay an eligible institution or eligible provider as required by the program an individual completes.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$9.8 million in FY 2026 and \$9.9 million in FY 2027 from GRF ALI 200572, Adult Education Programs (see EDUCD2), most of which will be used to support the proposed programs.

EDUCD40 Auxiliary services funding for mental health services

R.C. 3317.06

Permits chartered nonpublic schools to use auxiliary services funding for mental health services.

Fiscal effect: None.

EDUCD24 Approval deadlines for career-technical education programs

R.C. 3317.161

Eliminates the following deadlines related to approval of career-technical education programs:

- (1) The March 1st deadline for a lead district of a career-technical planning district to approve or disapprove a school district's, community school's, or STEM school's career-technical education program application;
- (2) The March 15th deadline for a district or school to appeal to DEW the lead district's decision or failure to take action on a career-technical education program application;
- (3) The May 15th deadline for DEW to approve or disapprove a career-technical education program for the next fiscal year.

Eliminates DEW's authority to identify circumstances in which it may approve or disapprove a career-technical education program after the May 15th deadline.

Fiscal effect: Provides flexibility to career-technical planning districts to allow them to approve new career-technical education programs year round.

Executive**EDUCD17 School bus safety and driver training****R.C. 3327.101**

Requires, by July 1, 2026, employed school bus and motor van drivers to annually complete six hours of in-service training, rather than four hours as under current law.

Requires DEW to develop the curriculum for the in-service training and approve training providers by that date.

Authorizes the classroom portion of school bus driver recertification training to be conducted online, similar to the online courses for pre-service training and annual in service training under current law.

Fiscal effect: The bill increases the earmarked funding from GRF ALI 200502, Pupil Transportation, for bus driver training by \$3.9 million in FY 2027 in large part to support the increased training requirement.

EDUCD83 School District Participation in National Assessment of Education Progress**Section: 265.390**

Expresses the General Assembly's intention that the DEW Director provide for school district participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Requires each selected school and school district to participate.

EDUCD67 Earmark accountability**Section: 265.400**

Authorizes the DEW Director to request an annual accountability report from any entity that receives a budget earmark under DEW's budget.

Prohibits the provision of funds to an entity until its report for the prior fiscal year has been submitted.

Fiscal effect: Minimal administrative costs in reporting for an entity that receives a budget earmark.

EDUCD85 Use of volunteers**Section: 265.420**

Authorizes DEW to use the services of volunteers to accomplish any of its purposes.

Authorizes the DEW Director to reimburse volunteers for necessary and appropriate expenses in accordance with state guidelines and to designate volunteers as state employees for the purposes of motor vehicle accident liability insurance and for performance of their duties.

Fiscal effect: Depends on the extent of the use of volunteers for reimbursement of expenses. Potential cost savings for DEW if they can utilize volunteers for purposes which they would otherwise need to hire additional employees. This is a continuation of current law.

Executive

EDUCD68 Flexible funding for families and children

Section: 265.430

Permits school districts, community schools, STEM schools, JVSs, ESCs, and county DD boards that receive state aid to transfer portions of their allocations to a flexible funding pool created by a county family and children first council to support the provision of services to families and children.

EDUCD69 Private Treatment Facility Project

Section: 265.440

Establishes procedures by which Ohio youth who have been assigned to a participating residential treatment center are enrolled in an approved educational program in or near the facility.

Defines participating residential treatment centers as (1) private residential treatment facilities that have contracted with the Department of Youth Services to provide services and which are paid through ALI 470401, RECLAIM Ohio, (2) Abraxas, in Shelby, (3) Paint Creek, in Bainbridge, and (4) F.I.R.S.T., in Mansfield.

Requires that the school district responsible for tuition for a residential child pay the tuition to the provider of the educational programs.

Prohibits a district from including the youth in the district's average daily membership (ADM).

Requires DEW to track the use of funds and monitor the program for educational accountability.

Fiscal effect: In addition to tuition payments, the bill earmarks \$700,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 200550, Foundation Funding - All Students, for the project (see EDUCD56).

Appropriation Language

EDUCD70 Career-Technical Education

Section: 265.20

Requires DEW to use a portion of GRF ALI 200416, Career Technical Education, to provide matching funds related to federal CTE assistance.

EDUCD71 Information Technology Development and Support

Section: 265.30

Requires that GRF ALI 200420, Information Technology Development and Support, be used to support the development and implementation of information technology solutions designed to improve the performance and services provided by DEW.

Permits this ALI to also be used to support data-driven decision-making and communicate academic content standards and curriculum models through the Internet.

Executive

EDUCD3 School Management Assistance

Section: 265.40

Requires that GRF ALI 200422, School Management Assistance, be used by DEW to provide fiscal technical assistance and in-service education for school district management personnel and to administer, monitor, and implement the fiscal caution, fiscal watch, and fiscal emergency provisions of the Revised Code.

EDUCD72 Policy Analysis

Section: 265.50

Requires DEW to use GRF ALI 200424, Policy Analysis, to support a system of administrative and statistical education information to be used for policy analysis, including reports, analyses, and briefings.

Requires a portion of the ALI to be used to maintain a longitudinal database to support the assessment of the impact of policies and programs on Ohio's education and workforce development systems.

Requires funded research efforts to be used to supply information and analysis to and in consultation with the General Assembly and other state policymakers, including OBM and LSC.

EDUCD4 Ohio Educational Computer Network

Section: 265.60

Requires that GRF ALI 200426, Ohio Educational Computer Network, be used by DEW to maintain a system of information technology throughout Ohio and to provide technical assistance for such system. Makes the following earmarks:

- (1) Up to \$8,425,500 in each fiscal year to support connection of all public school buildings and participating chartered nonpublic schools to the state's education network, to each other, and to the internet.
- (2) Up to \$6,305,000 in each fiscal to support the activities of designated information technology centers and to monitor and support the quality of data submitted to DEW.
- (3) Up to \$1,650,000 in each fiscal year to support cybersecurity initiatives led by the Management Council of the Ohio Computer Education Network in public and nonpublic schools. Requires DEW to consult with the Governor's Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor in determining specific programs and initiatives to support.

Requires that the remainder of the ALI be used to support a network of uniform and compatible computer-based information and instructional systems, the teacher student linkage/roster verification process, and the electronic sharing of student records and transcripts between entities.

EDUCD73 Academic Standards

Section: 265.70

Makes the following earmarks from GRF ALI 200427, Academic Standards:

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(1) Up to \$1,000,000 in FY 2026 to develop an integrated model curriculum that includes English language arts, social studies, and civics education, including support for content, instruction, and assessment.

(2) Up to \$500,000 in FY 2027 to develop and deploy professional learning for successful implementation of the integrated model curriculum to be delivered through the learning management system and regional partners.

Requires the remainder of the ALI be used to develop and communicate academic content standards and curriculum models to school districts and to develop professional development programs and other tools on those standards and curricula.

EDUCD74 Student Assessment

Section: 265.80

Earmarks up to \$622,713 each fiscal year from GRF ALI 200437, Student Assessment, to reimburse a portion of the costs associated with Advanced Placement and College-Level Examination Program tests for low-income students. Requires districts and schools to pay the remainder of the costs using other funds if the funds provided through this set-aside and federal funds are not sufficient to cover the costs of the exams.

Requires the remainder of the ALI to be used for the costs of state achievement assessments and similar purposes. Permits these funds to be used to update and develop diagnostic assessments for students in grades K-3 and readiness assessments for students in grades 3 and higher.

Permits the OBM Director to transfer the available balance of other GRF ALIs in DEW's budget to this ALI if the DEW Director indicates to the OBM Director that additional funds are needed to fully fund mandated assessments.

EDUCD75 Accountability/Report Cards

Section: 265.90

Requires DEW to use a portion of GRF ALI 200439, Accountability/Report Cards in each fiscal year to train specialists and educators in the use of the value added progress dimension and the use of data as it relates to improving student achievement. Allows such training to include teacher and administrator professional development in the use of data to improve instruction and student learning and understanding teacher value-added reports.

Requires DEW to use the remainder of the ALI to incorporate a statewide value-added progress dimension into performance ratings for school districts and to develop an accountability system that includes school report cards, funding and expenditure accountability reports, teacher value-added reports, teacher student linkage/roster verification, and the performance management section of DEW's web site.

EDUCD76 Education Management Information System

Section: 265.100

Requires DEW to use GRF ALI 200446, Education Management Information System, to improve the Education Management Information System (EMIS) and makes the following earmarks:

(1) Up to \$405,000 in each fiscal year to support grants to information technology centers for EMIS professional development for districts and school personnel, with a focus on data submission and data quality.

Executive

(2) Up to \$950,000 in each fiscal year for distribution to designated information technology centers for data processing, storage, and transfer costs. Allows such costs to include personnel, hardware, software development, communications connectivity, professional development, and support services. Requires the remainder of the ALI to be used to develop and support the data definitions and standards outlined in EMIS guidelines, implement recommendations of the EMIS Advisory Council and the DEW Director, enhance data quality assurance practices, and support responsibilities related to school report cards and value-added progress dimension calculations.

EDUCD91 Educator and Principal Preparation**Section: 265.110**

Makes the following earmarks of GRF ALI 200448, Educator and Principal Preparation:

- (1) Up to \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year to support the Principal Apprenticeship Program (see EDUCD55). Permits awards of the program to be used by recipients for award-related expenses according to DEW guidelines.
 - (2) Up to \$1,612,500 in each fiscal year for DEW, in consultation with ODVS, to support the Ohio Military Veterans Educator Program. Permits the program to do all of the following:
 - (a) Administer a grant program for higher education institutions for financial incentives and assistance for military individuals to enroll or complete an educator preparation program;
 - (b) Subsidize costs for military individuals to complete college coursework or professional development in order to obtain an alternative military educator license or to advance to a professional license;
 - (c) Provide funds to public schools, educational service centers, and county boards of developmental disabilities supporting recruitment of eligible military individuals;
 - (d) Reimburse public schools, educational service centers, and county boards of developmental disabilities that pay financial bonuses to eligible military individuals who complete at least one year of employment with the school; and
 - (e) In consultation with ODVS, establish and support the Ohio Military Veteran Educators Fellowship Pilot Program.
 - (3) Up to \$350,993 in FY 2026 and \$364,254 in FY 2027 for DEW to monitor and support Ohio's State System of Support under federal law.
 - (4) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to support Teach for America.
 - (5) \$200,000 in each fiscal year to support FASTER Saves Lives training for selected school staff.
- Permits recipients to use awards for award-related expenses for up to two years from the date of the award.
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Executive**EDUCD77 Community Schools and Choice Programs****Section: 265.120**

Permits DEW to use GRF ALI 200455, Community Schools and Choice Programs, for the oversight and support of community schools, their sponsors, and nonpublic schools; the administration of school choice programs; and to support the sponsor evaluation system.

EDUCD5 Education Technology Resources**Section: 265.130**

Makes the following earmarks to GRF ALI 200465, Education Technology Resources:

(1) Up to \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year for the Union Catalog and InfOhio Network to support the provision of electronic resources with priority given to resources that support the teaching of state academic content standards in all public schools and resources in support of Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement. Requires DEW to consider coordinating the allocation of these moneys with the efforts of Libraries Connect Ohio, whose members include OhioLINK, the Ohio Public Information Network, and the State Library of Ohio.

(2) Up to \$1,778,879 in each fiscal year to provide grants to educational television stations working with partner education technology centers to provide public schools with instructional resources and services aligned with state academic content standards. Requires that such resources and services be based upon the advice and approval of DEW, based on a formula developed in consultation with educational television stations and educational technology centers.

Requires that the remainder be used to support the training, technical support, guidance, and assistance with compliance reporting to school districts and public libraries applying for federal E-Rate funds; for oversight and guidance of school district technology plans; for support to district technology personnel; and for support of the development, maintenance, and operation of a network of computer-based information and instructional systems.

EDUCD92 Industry-Recognized Credentials High School Students**Section: 265.140**

Requires public schools to inform students enrolled in career-technical education courses that lead to an industry-recognized credential about the opportunity to earn these credentials. Requires the educating entity to pay for the cost of the credential.

Requires DEW and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to use GRF ALI 200478, Industry-Recognized Credentials High School Students, to support the Innovative Workforce Incentive Program. Requires that DEW pay public schools \$725 for each qualifying credential earned in the preceding year. Requires DEW to prorate the payments if the appropriation is insufficient.

EDUCD6 Pupil Transportation**Section: 265.150**

Makes the following earmarks to GRF ALI 200502, Pupil Transportation:

Executive

(1) Up to \$1,088,930 in FY 2026 and up to \$4,988,930 in FY 2027 for DEW to support training school bus drivers (see EDUCD17) and enrolling them in the Retained Applicant Fingerprint Database (RAPBACK).

(2) Up to \$176,897,678 in FY 2026 and \$194,820,866 in FY 2027 for special education transportation reimbursements to school districts, ESCs, and county DD boards (see EDUCD87).

Requires that the remainder of the appropriation be used for pupil transportation formula payments.

Requires a school district, if the person in charge of a pupil accepts the offer of payment in lieu of providing transportation, to pay that person not less than 50% and not more than the average cost of pupil transportation for the previous school year as determined by DEW.

EDUCD7 School Meal Programs

Section: 265.160

Requires that GRF ALI 200505, School Meal Programs, be used to provide reimbursements to make reduced-price school meals free and to provide matching funds to obtain federal funds for the school lunch program.

Permits any remaining appropriation to be used to partially reimburse school buildings required to have a school breakfast program and to support the Summer EBT Program in coordination with the Department of Job and Family Services.

EDUCD78 Auxiliary Services

Section: 265.170

Earmarks up to \$2,600,000 in each fiscal year of GRF ALI 200511, Auxiliary Services, for nonpublic secondary school student participation in the College Credit Plus Program.

Requires the remainder of the appropriation be used for auxiliary services for chartered nonpublic schools. Permits school districts or chartered nonpublic schools to use auxiliary services funding to provide diagnostic or therapeutic mental health services to students enrolled in chartered nonpublic schools at any time during FY 2026 (see EDUCD40).

EDUCD79 Nonpublic Administrative Cost Reimbursement

Section: 265.180

Requires that GRF ALI 200532, Nonpublic Administrative Cost Reimbursement, be used to reimburse chartered nonpublic schools for their administrative costs associated with maintaining their state charter.

Requires that reimbursements not exceed \$475 per student for each school year.

EDUCD93 Special Education Enhancements

Section: 265.190

Makes the following earmarks from GRF ALI 200540, Special Education Enhancements:

Executive

(1) Up to \$33,945,594 in each fiscal year to fund special education and related services for school-age children at county DD boards and state institutions (see EDUCD90). Requires that DEW reduce the calculated amounts proportionately if the earmark is not sufficient.

(2) Up to \$1,350,000 in each fiscal year for parent mentoring programs.

(3) Up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year for school psychology interns.

(4) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to be used by DEW to build capacity to deliver a regional system of training, support, coordination, and direct service for secondary transition services for students with disabilities beginning at age 14.

Requires DEW to use the remainder of the ALI to distribute preschool special education funding for school districts and state institutions (see EDUCD88). Requires funded entities to adhere to Ohio's early learning program standards, to participate in and be rated through the Step Up to Quality program, to document child progress using research-based indicators, and to report results annually.

EDUCD58 Career-Technical Education Enhancements**Section: 265.200**

Makes the following earmarks to GRF ALI 200545, Career-Technical Education Enhancements:

(1) Up to \$16,325,000 in each fiscal year for career awareness and exploration funds (see EDUCD20). Requires DEW to prorate the awards if the earmark is not sufficient.

(2) Up to \$2,563,000 in each fiscal year to fund grants for secondary career-technical education at correctional institutions and Ohio Deaf and Blind Education Services.

(3) Up to \$9,600,000 in each fiscal year for DEW to fund competitive expansion grants to tech prep consortia.

(4) Up to \$600,000 in each fiscal year to fund the Agriculture 5th Quarter Project.

(5) Up to \$650,000 in each fiscal year to support career planning and reporting through the OhioMeansJobs website.

(6) \$250,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio ProStart school restaurant program.

EDUCD56 Foundation Funding - All Students**Section: 265.210**

Makes the following earmarks from GRF ALI 200550, Foundation Funding - All Students:

(1) An amount calculated by DEW in each fiscal year from formula aid to traditional school districts, JVSs, and community and STEM schools for a payment to support exceptionally high costs associated with individual special education students.

(2) Up to \$5,733,404 in each fiscal year for gifted education at educational service centers (ESCs), distributed through the unit-based methodology in place prior to FY 2010.

(3) Up to \$49,152,105 in FY 2026 and up to \$51,023,465 in FY 2027 for operational reimbursement of ESCs (see EDUCD89).

Executive

- (4) Up to \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year to ESCs for school improvement initiatives and to provide technical assistance to schools and districts. Permits DEW to distribute these funds through competitive grants.
- (5) Up to \$7,000,000 in each fiscal year for power plant valuation adjustments (see EDUCD59). Allows the DEW Director to reallocate excess funds from other purposes in ALI 200550 if this earmark is insufficient.
- (6) Up to \$12,400,000 in FY 2026 and up to \$12,800,000 in FY 2027 for the administration of state scholarship programs.
- (7) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Cleveland Municipal School District to provide tutorial assistance. Requires CMSD to report the use of these funds in its three-year continuous improvement plan.
- (8) Up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year for payment of the College Credit Plus Program for home-educated students.
- (9) An amount in each fiscal year for payment of formula aid to JVSs (see EDUCD28).
- (10) Up to \$700,000 in each fiscal year for a program to pay for educational services for youth assigned by a juvenile court or other authorized agency to a facility in the Private Treatment Facility Project (see EDUCD69).
- (11) An amount to pay college-preparatory boarding schools a per-pupil boarding amount.
- (12) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for duties and activities related to the establishment of academic distress commissions, to provide support and assistance to academic distress commissions, and to provide technical assistance and tools to support districts subject to academic distress commissions.
- (13) Up to \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio STEM Learning Network to support the expansion of free STEM programming aligned to Ohio's STEM priorities, to create regional STEM supports targeting underserved student populations, and to support the Ohio STEM Committee's STEM school designation process.
- (14) Up to \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year for the Stay in the Game! Network and efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism.

Requires the remainder of the ALI to be used to distribute formula aid to schools.

Establishes that the primary purpose of GRF ALIs 200502, Pupil Transportation, and 200550 Foundation Funding - All Students, other than specific set-asides, is to pay state formula aid obligations to public schools and state scholarship programs. Requires the DEW Director to seek approval from the OBM Director to transfer appropriations if necessary to meet state formula aid obligations.

Authorizes the payment of school operating funds in amounts substantially equal to those made in the prior year until changes to the school funding formulas take effect.

EDUCD1 Literacy Improvement

Section: 265.250

Requires GRF ALI 200566, Literacy Improvement, to support literacy activities to align state, local, and federal efforts in order to bolster all students' reading success. Permits the distribution of funds to ESCs to establish and support regional literacy professional development teams. Permits a portion of this amount be used for DEW's administration of the program.

Executive

EDUCD94 Literacy coaches

Section: 265.250

Requires Fund 7017 ALI 2006A7, Literacy Coaches, to be used for coaches to provide literacy supports to school districts, community schools, and STEM schools with the lowest rates of proficiency in literacy based on their performance on the English language arts assessments. Requires the coaches to be trained in the science of reading and evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction and intervention, and requires them to implement Ohio's Coaching Model as described in Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement. Requires the coaches to be under the direction of, but not employed by DEW.

EDUCD2 Adult Education Programs

Section: 265.260

Requires a portion of GRF ALI 200572, Adult Education Programs, to be used to make payments for competency-based adult education (see EDUCD12). Requires career-technical planning districts (CTPDs) to reimburse first-time takers of a nationally recognized high school equivalency examination approved by DEW for application or examination fees in excess of \$40, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$80. Requires each CTPD to designate a site or sites where individuals may register and take an approved examination and to offer career counseling services for each individual that registers for the examination. Permits a portion of the ALI to reimburse the Department of Youth Services and the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for individuals in these facilities who have taken the approved examination for the first time.

Permits DEW to encumber any unexpended funds in each fiscal year, which remain available for payment within two years of the fiscal year in which the funds were originally appropriated.

Requires a portion of the ALI to be used for program administration, technical assistance, support, research, and evaluation of adult education programs, including high school equivalency examinations approved by DEW.

EDUCD80 Half-Mill Maintenance Equalization

Section: 265.270

Requires GRF ALI 200574, Half-Mill Maintenance Equalization, to be used to make payments under the Half- Mill Maintenance Equalization Program, which provides funds to equalize below average per-pupil tax revenues from the one-half mill levy required of districts to help pay for maintenance costs of new or renovated buildings financed through the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program.

EDUCD64 Adaptive Sports Program

Section: 265.270

Requires GRF ALI 200576, Adaptive Sports Program, to be used by DEW, in collaboration with the Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio, to fund adaptive sports programs in school districts across the state and for intercollegiate adaptive athletics programs that provide opportunities for competitive wheelchair and adaptive sports to postsecondary students with disabilities.

Executive

EDUCD65 Medicaid in Schools Program

Section: 265.280

Requires that GRF ALI 657401, Medicaid in Schools Program, be used by DEW to support the Medicaid in Schools Program.

EDUCD8 School District Solvency Assistance

Section: 265.290

Requires that Fund 5H30 ALI 200687, School District Solvency Assistance, be used to provide assistance and grants to school districts to enable them to remain solvent. Requires that assistance and grants be subject to approval of the Controlling Board.

Permits the OBM Director, upon the request of the DEW Director, to transfer cash into the School District Solvency Assistance Fund (Fund 5H30) in each fiscal year from the GRF or any funds used by DEW to maintain a sufficient cash balance in the fund. Appropriates any funds so transferred. Requires the OBM Director to notify the Controlling Board of any such transfers.

EDUCD60 Foundation Funding - All Students and GRF cash transfer to Fund 5VSO

Section: 265.300, 512.10

Requires Fund 5VSO ALI 200604, Foundation Funding - All Students, to be used in conjunction with GRF ALI 200550, Foundation Funding - All Students, and Fund 7017 ALI 200612, Foundation Funding - All Students, to distribute DPIA and the portions of the state share of the base cost attributable to student wellness and success.

Allows the OBM Director to transfer \$600,000,000 cash in each fiscal year from the GRF to the Foundation Funding - All Students Fund (Fund 5VSO).

EDUCD61 Public and Nonpublic Education Support

Section: 265.310

Requires Fund 5Y00 ALI 200491, Public and Nonpublic Education Support, to be used in conjunction with GRF ALI 200550, Foundation Funding - All Students, to distribute formula aid to schools.

EDUCD10 School Bus Safety

Section: 265.320

Requires that Fund 7017 ALI 200413, School Bus Safety, be used to support a school bus safety grant program, as recommended by the Governor's School Bus Safety Working Group and in accordance with guidelines established by DEW. Requires specific safety features to be informed by the Working Group and in consultation with the Department of Public Safety.

Requires DEW to create an application for eligible applicants to request funds. Requires applicants to provide details on the funding amount, number of buses affected, and specific safety improvements. Requires DEW to apply a measure of local capacity in determining grant allocations and permits DEW to set minimum or maximum funding limits.

Executive

Requires eligible applicants to use school bus safety grant funds for repairs, replacements, or adding safety features to active buses, or for enhancements when purchasing new buses. Prohibits funds from being used for buses not owned by the applicant.

Defines "eligible applicant" as any of the following entities that provide transportation services: (1) a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district; (2) a community school; (3) a STEM school; (4) a county board of developmental disabilities; or (5) a chartered nonpublic school.

EDUCD62 Foundation Funding - All Students - Lottery

Section: 265.330

Requires Fund 7017 ALI 200612, Foundation Funding - All Students, to be used in conjunction with GRF ALI 200550, Foundation Funding - All Students, to distribute formula aid to schools.

Requires DEW, with the approval of the OBM Director, to determine the monthly distribution schedules of these ALIs and requires DEW to make any necessary adjustments to the schedule with the approval of the OBM Director.

EDUCD9 Accelerate Great Schools

Section: 265.340

Requires SLF ALI 200614, Accelerate Great Schools, to be used by DEW to support the Accelerate Great Schools public-private partnership.

EDUCD81 Quality Community and Independent STEM Schools Support

Section: 265.350

Requires Fund 7017 ALI 200631, Quality Community and Independent STEM Schools Support, to be distributed for the Quality Community School Support and the Quality Independent STEM School Support programs (see EDUCD31).

Authorizes, upon request of the Director of DEW and approval of the Controlling Board, the appropriation of additional amounts needed to support payments if the amount appropriated is insufficient.

EDUCD82 Community School Facilities

Section: 265.360

Requires Fund 7017 ALI 200684, Community School Facilities, to be used to pay for the facilities costs for community schools, STEM schools, and e-schools (see EDUCD30). If the appropriation is insufficient, requires DEW to prorate payments so the aggregate appropriation is not exceeded.

EDUCD63 Lottery Profits Education Reserve Fund

Section: 265.370

Creates the Lottery Profits Education Reserve Fund (Fund 7018) in the State Treasury and requires investment earnings of the fund to be credited to the fund.

Permits the OBM Director to transfer cash from Fund 7018 to the Lottery Profits Education Fund (Fund 7017) in each fiscal year.

Executive

Requires the Director of the Ohio Lottery Commission, on July 15 of each fiscal year, to certify to the OBM Director the amount by which lottery profit transfers received by Fund 7017 exceeded \$1,440,000,000 in FY 2025 and \$1,462,000,000 in FY 2026, respectively.

Allows the OBM Director to transfer cash in excess of the amounts necessary to support appropriations in Fund 7017 from that fund to Fund 7018.

EDUCD66 ESSER funding for Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) education savings accounts**Section: 265.380**

Requires DEW to use the ESSER state activity funds provided under the federal American Rescue Plan Act to support the ACE Educational Savings Account Program in FY 2026.

Fiscal effect: Provides an additional year of federal coronavirus relief funding for ACE educational savings accounts.

Executive

SBECD1 Ohio Teacher Residency Program assessment

R.C. 3319.223, 3319.111

Eliminates the Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA) as a measure of appropriate progression through the Ohio Teacher Residency Program and permits the use of evaluations under a teacher evaluation system established in accordance with continuing law as a measure of appropriate progression under the program.

Fiscal effect: Decreases expenditures from the State Board of Education Licensure Fund (Fund 4L20) by \$1.1 million or more annually.

Executive

ELCCD1 **Candidate filing fee increases**

R.C. **3513.10**

Increases the candidate filing fees by \$5 for the following offices: (1) State Board of Education, (2) county and municipal court judge, (3) state legislators, (4) U.S. Representatives, (5) city and county elected officials.

Increases the candidate filings fees by \$10 for: (1) statewide elected offices and (2) Court of Appeals and Court of Common Please judges.

Fiscal effect: Additional revenue gain of approximately \$10,000 over the biennium for the Elections Commission Fund (Fund 4P20).

Executive**PAYCD1 Payroll Deduction Fund****Section: 271.20**

Requires Fund 1240 ALI 995673, Payroll Deductions, be used to make payments for withheld taxes, the employee's retirement contributions, and voluntary deductions. Appropriates additional amounts if the OBM Director determines it is necessary.

PAYCD2 Accrued Leave Liability Fund**Section: 271.20**

Requires that Fund 8060 ALI 995666, Accrued Leave Fund, be used to make payments for accrued vacation, sick, and personal leave to employees leaving state employment, as well as to existing employees for annual sick and personal leave conversion. Appropriates additional amounts if the OBM Director determines it is necessary.

PAYCD3 State Employee Disability Leave Benefit Fund**Section: 271.20**

Requires that Fund 8070 ALI 995667, Disability Fund, be used to make payments for state employee disability benefits. Appropriates additional amounts if the OBM Director determines it is necessary.

PAYCD4 State Employee Health Benefit Fund**Section: 271.20**

Requires that Fund 8080 ALI 995668, State Employee Health Benefit Fund, be used to make payments for medical, mental health, prescription, dental, and vision coverage provided to state employees. Appropriates additional amounts if the OBM Director determines it is necessary.

PAYCD5 Dependent Care Spending Fund**Section: 271.20**

Requires that Fund 8090 ALI 995669, Dependent Care Spending Account, be used to make payments for state employees enrolled in the Dependent Care Spending Account Program. Appropriates additional amounts if the OBM Director determines it is necessary.

PAYCD6 Life Insurance Investment Fund**Section: 271.20**

Requires that Fund 8100 ALI 995670, Life Insurance Investment Fund, be used to pay for the costs of the state's life insurance benefit program that provides coverage for exempt state employees. Appropriates additional amounts if the OBM Director determines it is necessary.

Executive

PAYCD7 Parental Leave Benefit Fund**Section: 271.20**

Requires that Fund 8110 ALI 995671, Parental Leave Benefit Fund, be used to make payments to employees eligible for parental leave benefits. Appropriates additional amounts if the OBM Director determines it is necessary.

PAYCD8 Health Care Spending Account Fund**Section: 271.20**

Requires that Fund 8130 ALI 995672, Health Care Spending Account, be used to make payments for state employees' participation in a flexible spending account for nonreimbursed health care expenses. Appropriates additional amounts if the OBM Director determines it is necessary.

PAYCD9 Commuter Benefits**Section: 271.20**

Requires that Fund 8050 ALI 995675, Commuter Benefits, be used to make payments for employees' participation in the Commuter Benefits Program. Appropriates additional amounts if the OBM Director determines it is necessary.

PAYCD10 Employee Benefits Funds Cash Transfers**Section: 515.40**

Permits the OBM Director, upon request of the DAS Director, to make temporary cash transfers between the Accrued Leave Liability Fund (Fund 8060), the State Employee Health benefit Fund (Fund 8080), the Dependent Care Spending Fund (Fund 8090), the Life Insurance Investment Fund (Fund 8100), the Parental Leave Benefit Fund (Fund 8110) and the Health Care Spending Account Fund (Fund 8130) to ensure appropriate and supportable cash flow.

Executive

FCCCD16 OFCC public notice, forms, and other changes**R.C. 9.312, 9.331, 9.47, 123.10, 153.01, 153.07, 153.08, 153.09, 153.54, 1311.252**

Requires a state agency or political subdivision that finds a low bidder for contracts let by competitive bidding is not responsive or responsible, to send the bidder a notice electronically, permitting certified mail delivery only if an electronic method is not available (rather than by either method).

Requires a public authority to advertise its intent to employ a construction manager by electronic means, and permits advertising in news media available in the county, (rather than requiring advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation and permitting electronic advertisement).

Reduces the minimum advertisement period for contracts to employ a construction manager from 30 days to 14 days.

Requires the public authority to give notice of the time and place where bids for public works contracts will be received by electronic means at least 14 days in advance, and permits the authority to publish the notice in other news media in the county where the work is to occur (rather than requiring publication in a newspaper at least eight days in advance).

Requires copies of the plans, details, estimates of cost, and specifications to be available electronically or at OFCC's office (rather than just at OFCC's office).

Requires the advertisement for public works contracts, when the public authority rejects all bids and re-advertises, to be in such electronic media, rather than newspaper, as OFCC directs.

Removes the requirement that a public authority file a notice of commencement in affidavit form.

Lengthens the validity of certificates of compliance with affirmative action programs (on which certain public works contracts with bidders are contingent) from 180 days to two years.

Changes the frequency for receiving an updated certificate of compliance from once every 180 days to once every two years.

Requires a state agency director to enter in to a contract with the proper persons to address an exigency, when, at the request of a state agency, the OFCC Director issues a declaration of public exigency.

Permits, for public works contracts worth \$200,000 or more, a public authority to require an architect or engineer, in preparing plans, details, specifications, estimates, analyses, or other data to use a building information model system, as long as the system is based on a nationally recognized standard for building information models.

Permits a bidder for most contracts with the state or a political subdivision to file a bid guaranty in the form of an electronic verification through an electronic verification and security system, if the state or political subdivision accepts bids electronically.

Fiscal effect: Increases opportunities for cost savings associated with administrative and operational efficiencies for public authorities.

Executive

FCCCD14 Expedited processes for design-build firms and managers at risk**R.C. 9.334, 153.501, 153.693**

Establishes, for contracts between public authorities and construction managers at risk (CMRs) or design-build firms (DBFs), an expedited proposal and selection process for projects under \$4.0 million, adjusted biannually for the rate of inflation by OFCC.

Authorizes a public authority, for contracts under \$4.0 million, to require a CMR or DBF to submit an initial qualification proposal or statement, respectively, along with a pricing proposal, instead of sending them in separate rounds.

Requires the public authority to have a pre-proposal meeting with any CMRs or DBFs who desire to jointly submit a statement or proposal and pricing proposal, at which the public authority must give the CMR or DBF a description of the project, including the scope and nature of the proposed services and potential technical approaches.

Exempts CMRs and DBFs from the requirement to submit a sealed bid to self-perform a portion of work before accepting and opening any bids for the same work when the public authority requests a guaranteed maximum price proposal due at the time of selection.

Fiscal effect: Reduces the administrative workload for public authorities and may reduce the timeline for projects with total costs of less than \$4.0 million.

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).

Fiscal effect: Reduces OFCC's administrative workload and may reduce, by several weeks, the timeline for certain projects.

FCCCD9 Major and minor league sports facilities and youth sports education funding**R.C. 123.28, 123.281, 123.282**

Requires OFCC to administer the Sports Facilities Construction and Sports Education Fund ("fund") to support construction and renovation of major sports facilities and minor league sports facilities throughout Ohio for the economic benefit of the state, and to support youth sports education.

Creates the seven-member Ohio Advisory Committee for Sports Facility Construction and Youth Sports Education ("committee") to evaluate and approve projects to be supported by the fund and administered by OFCC.

Entitles public members to a per diem rate of \$500 a day on the days they meet and entitles all members to actual and necessary expenses.

Requires the committee to recommend policies and procedures for the administration of the fund for review and adoption by OFCC, prioritizing economic development through major sports facilities, major sports facility mixed-use projects and minor league sports facilities, youth sports education, and facilities that enable training in team or individual sports.

Requires projects to be awarded from the fund by a majority vote of the committee.

Executive

Requires the Directors of DEW, ODPS, and ODH, and the ADJ to advise the committee on what skills, facilities, and programs are necessary for youth sports education, and to publish, as needed, standards for youth sports education for K-12 students.

Permits the committee to recommend criteria to OFCC to establish, and permits OFCC to implement, a grant program that helps Ohio communities secure major sporting events, using monies from the fund.

Permits the committee to recommend to the Tax Commissioner the creation of tax credits to support youth sports education.

Fiscal effect: OBM estimates that up to \$161.4 million in FY 2026 and up to \$167.4 million in FY 2027 will be transferred to the Sports Facilities Construction and Sports Education Fund. However the bill does not contain an appropriation for OFCC to operate the fund or program.

FCCCD11 Integrated project delivery contracts

R.C. 153.01, 153.50, 153.502, 153.503, 153.65, 153.695

Permits public authorities to enter into integrated project delivery (IPD) contracts with IPD contractors for capital projects.

Requires public authorities, for every IPD contract, to evaluate the statements of qualifications submitted by IPD contractors, and select at least three qualified IPD contractors (unless there are fewer than three qualified firms).

Requires the public authority to provide certain information about the project to each selected IPD contractor.

Requires the public authority to evaluate the pricing proposal submitted by each selected firm and rank the selected firms based on the public authority's evaluation of the value of each firm's pricing proposal, considering each firm's proposed costs and qualifications.

Requires the public authority to enter into contract negotiations for IPD services with the IPD contractor that ranked highest.

Requires the public authority, if the public authority fails to negotiate a contract with the highest ranked contractor, to terminate the negotiations and move on to the second highest ranking contractor, and if that fails, the third, and so forth.

Permits the public authority, if these subsequent negotiations fail, to select additional IPD contractors to provide pricing proposals, or select an alternative delivery method for the project.

Requires IPD contractors to establish criteria to prequalify prospective bidders on subcontracts, subject to the approval of the public authority and consistent with the rules adopted by OFCC.

Requires the IPD contractor to identify at least three prospective prequalified bidders (unless less than three exist), verified by the public authority, then solicit proposals from each bidder, under an open book pricing method.

Clarifies that an IPD contractor is not required to award a subcontract to a low bidder.

Requires OFCC to adopt rules related to IPD contractors and subcontractors.

Fiscal effect: May reduce the administrative workload of public authorities and the cost and timeline for certain larger projects.

Executive

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.

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.

Fiscal effect: May reduce the administrative workload for public authorities and the timeline for projects with total costs of \$1.0 million or less.

FCCCD15 Public improvements contract retainage**R.C. 153.12, 153.13, 153.14, 153.63**

Requires a public authority's retainage amount on partial payments on a public improvements contract to be 4% or less for 100% of the contract, rather than 8% on the first 50%, and 0% on the second 50%, of the contract.

Prohibits contractors from paying subcontractors at a retainage rate lower than the retainage rate being paid to the contractor by the public authority.

Eliminates provisions of law requiring the public authority to deposit the retained amount in an escrow account.

Clarifies that any retained funds and the interest accrued by the funds is property of the contractor and must be paid to the contractor no later than 30 days after the date of substantial completion of the work.

Fiscal effect: Public authorities will realize cost savings by paying fewer escrow fees.

FCCCD10 Portion of basic project cost supplied by district**R.C. 3318.032**

Modifies the calculation of the portion of the basic project cost a school district must provide for its Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (CFAP) project from the greater of either (1) the required percentage based on its equity ranking or (2) an amount necessary to raise the school district's net bonded indebtedness to a prescribed level, to its portion being determined by only the required percentage based on its equity ranking.

Requires, for a district that opts to segment its classroom facilities project, its local share for the first segment to be calculated using the required percentage of the basic project, instead of the greater of either (1) the required percentage based on its equity ranking or (2) an amount necessary to raise the school district's net bonded indebtedness to a prescribed level. Requires that any future segment's portion of the basic project cost use the same share as used in the first segment.

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Fiscal effect: According to OFCC, only 13 CFAP projects to date have used the required level of indebtedness method to determine their local share, so OFCC expects the elimination of the net indebtedness method will affect only a small number of school districts in the future by not penalizing them for not having debt. OFCC anticipates that when qualifying for CFAP these school districts will have a lower local share than they otherwise would have had calculated under the current method of local share determination. In turn, state shares will likely be higher for these projects.

FCCCD8 Vocational school facilities assistance program

R.C. 3318.40

Permits OFCC to set aside a portion over each biennium, instead of up to 2% annually, of its aggregate school facilities assistance funds and specifies that the funds be used to assist at least two JVSDs per biennium (temporary law in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly requires OFCC to provide assistance to at least one JVSD in each fiscal year in which funds are available for additional projects).

Fiscal effect: May provide OFCC with more flexibility to fund at least two JVSD projects each biennium.

FCCCD1 Cultural Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments

Section: 287.20

Requires that GRF ALI 230401, Cultural Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, be used to meet all of OFCC's required payments during the biennium under the primary leases and agreements for cultural sports facilities.

FCCCD2 Common Schools General Obligation Bond Debt Service

Section: 287.20

Requires that GRF ALI 230908, Common Schools General Obligation Bond Debt Service, be used to pay all required debt service and related financing costs during the biennium for bonds issued for school facilities.

FCCCD3 School facilities encumbrances and reappropriation

Section: 287.30

Authorizes the OBM Director, at the request of the OFCC Director, to cancel encumbrances for school district projects from a previous biennium if the district has not raised its local share of project costs within 16 months of Controlling Board approval. Requires the OFCC Director to certify the amounts of the canceled encumbrances on a quarterly basis. Appropriates the amounts of the canceled encumbrances to the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program.

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FCCCD4 Capital donations fund certifications and appropriations**Section: 287.40**

Requires the OFCC Director to certify to the OBM Director the amount of cash receipts and related investment income, irrevocable letters of credit from a bank, or certification of the availability of funds that have been received from a county or a municipal corporation for deposit into the Capital Donations Fund (Fund 5A10) and that are related to an anticipated project and appropriates these amounts to Fund 5A10 ALI C230E2, Capital Donations. Requires the OFCC Director to make a written agreement with the participating entity on the necessary cash flows required for the anticipated construction or equipment acquisition project.

FCCCD5 Amendment to project agreement for maintenance levy**Section: 287.50**

Requires OFCC to amend the project agreement between OFCC and a school district that is participating in the Accelerated Urban Initiative (AUI) if OFCC determines it is necessary to do so in order to comply with the change in maintenance levy requirements enacted by H.B. 1 of the 128th G.A.

Fiscal effect: H.B. 1 of the 128th General Assembly changed the maintenance levy requirements for the six AUI districts (Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo) to run for 23 years from the date the initial segment is undertaken, instead of extending for 23 years after the district's last segment was undertaken (the six AUI projects are broken into individual segments). For the districts that have not changed their agreements yet, the H.B. 1 change would reduce the number of years for which the districts would have to levy the required 1/2 mill property tax for maintenance. Currently, projects for Cleveland and Columbus are incomplete. Presumably, these AUI districts would use other funds to meet their building maintenance needs if the original project agreements were amended.

FCCCD6 Disbursement determination**Section: 287.60**

Authorizes OFCC to determine the amount of funding available for disbursement in a given fiscal year for any Classroom Facilities Assistance Program project in order to keep aggregate state capital spending within approved limits. Authorizes OFCC to take actions including, but not limited to, determining the schedule for design or bidding of approved projects, to ensure appropriate and supportable cash flow.

Fiscal effect: The provision may give OFCC more flexibility in spending state funds on projects.

FCCCD7 Returned or recovered funds**Section: 287.70**

Requires that any state-source surplus project construction funds or interest earnings returned to the state and any funds recovered from settlements with or judgments against parties relating to their involvement in a classroom facilities project be deposited into the fund from which the project's capital appropriations were made.

Executive

Permits, in any fiscal year in which OFCC has made a deposit, the OFCC Director to seek CEB approval to authorize expenditures from those funds and specified ALIs in excess of the amounts appropriated in amounts equal to the returned or recovered funds. If approved, appropriates the returned and recovered funds and requires the funds to be used for the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program or the Vocational Facilities Assistance Program.

Executive

GOVCD4 Governor solemnizing marriage**R.C. 3101.08**

Authorizes the Governor or former Governors of Ohio to solemnize marriages.

Fiscal effect: None.

GOVCD3 Occupational license application processing time**R.C. 4798.08**

Allows the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSI) to examine any occupational license and require an occupational licensing board to report specified information regarding the occupational license's application processing time to CSI.

Allows CSI to establish an efficient application processing time for an occupational license reviewed by CSI.

Requires CSI, if an efficient application processing time is established, to direct the occupational licensing board to: (1) publish the established application processing time on the board's website; and (2) make available an electronic method for an applicant to request an application fee refund.

Allows an applicant to request an application fee refund if an occupational licensing board exceeds the established efficient application processing time with respect to a completed application.

Requires an occupational licensing board, on receipt of an application fee refund request, to: (1) refund the application fee to the extent permitted by law if the board exceeded the established time; and (2) inform CSI whether the refund request has been approved or denied.

States that an application fee refund in accordance with the provision has no bearing on the disposition of the underlying application.

Prohibits this provision from being construed to impair or otherwise affect the authority granted by law, regulation, or executive order to an occupational licensing board and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the state, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs for CSI if it chooses to utilize its authority; potential increase in costs for an occupational licensing board to comply with CSI requirements if imposed; potential revenue loss if an occupational licensing board has to refund application fees.

GOVCD1 Operating Expenses**Section: 289.20**

Reappropriates the certified available balance of GRF ALI 040321, Operating Expenses, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively.

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GOVCD2 Government Relations

Section: 289.20

Permits GOV to charge an executive branch agency for costs incurred to represent Ohio's interests to federal, state, and local governments and to cover membership dues related to Ohio's participation in national and regional associations. Requires the amounts collected be deposited in the Governmental Relations Fund (Fund 5AK0).

Executive

DOHCD31 Prohibit flavored vapor products

R.C. 2927.02

Prohibits giving away, selling, advertising, displaying, or marketing any "flavored electronic liquid," i.e., a solution containing nicotine that is designed or sold for use with an electronic smoking device and that has a "characterizing flavor" other than the taste or smell of tobacco.

Fiscal effect: ODH may experience an increase in costs to ensure retailer compliance and investigate any complaints.

DOHCD33 Deposit of vital statistics fees by ODH

R.C. 3109.14

Requires ODH, instead of TOS as under current law, to deposit collected vital statistics fees into the state treasury to the credit of the Children's Trust Fund.

Fiscal effect: Administrative costs will be realized by ODH instead of TOS.

DOHCD23 Registration of vapor product retailers

R.C. 3701.842, 3701.841, 3701.843, 3701.844

Requires persons engaged in selling vapor products from a place of business in Ohio to annually register with ODH.

Exempts from the registration requirement persons licensed under continuing law (1) in the business of trafficking cigarettes or (2) solely for vapor product distribution.

Requires initial applicants to provide ODH with a completed application form with specified information and to pay (1) a \$200 nonrefundable application fee, and (2) a \$200 annual registration fee for each place of business.

Allows existing certificates of registration to be renewed following payment of a \$200 annual registration fee.

Requires the ODH Director to deny, refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a certificate of registration under certain circumstances.

Allows the ODH Director to impose a penalty of up to \$1,000 on a person who knowingly sells vapor products at retail without the required registration or who fails to display the registration.

Limits the penalty to \$100 for recently lapsed registrations and allows the ODH Director to waive all or part of a penalty for reasonable cause.

Requires all fees and fines collected in connection with the vapor product retailer registration to be deposited to the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund (Fund 5BX0) to be used for the administration of the program or for tobacco and nicotine prevention or cessation interventions.

Fiscal effect: ODH will experience an increase in costs to register and regulate vapor product retailers, including upfront development and ongoing costs (ODH estimates \$500,000 in upfront costs in FY 2026). However, the registration fees and penalties established will partially offset these costs in initial years. ODH anticipates the program will eventually become self-sustaining.

Executive**DOHCD30 Bonds - nursing home entering operators****R.C. 3721.026**

Eliminates all references to “other financial security” in the law requiring certain nursing home entering operators to submit evidence to the ODH Director of a bond or other financial security.

Fiscal effect: None.

DOHCD24 Residential care facility license - continued operation during application period**R.C. 3721.073**

Allows a residential facility or independent living facility that applies for a license to operate as a residential care facility to operate as a residential facility or independent living facility while its application is pending.

Restricts a residential facility or independent living facility from providing care to more than two residents while the application is pending.

Fiscal effect: Currently, facilities that choose to license all or a portion of their facility as a residential care facility must discharge or move residents during initial licensing and inspection phases. Thus, there could be indirect impacts to state or local entities that pay for these facility services if any moving-related expenses were passed onto the state or local entity or if individuals continue to receive services rather than being discharged.

DOHCD25 Nurse aide eligibility**R.C. 3721.32**

Establishes an alternative condition that an individual may satisfy to be eligible for employment as a nurse aide in a long-term care facility - that the individual has successfully completed both of the following: (1) a training course provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in a VA-operated community living center that the ODH Director determines is similar to an ODH-conducted training and competency evaluation program and (2) an ODH-conducted competency evaluation program.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

DOHCD28 Health care real estate investment trusts - hospitals and nursing homes**R.C. 3722.04, 3721.01, 3721.026, 3721.07, 3721.073, 3722.01, 3722.03, 3722.031, 3722.06, 3722.13**

Prohibits all of the following from leasing from a health care real estate investment trust the building or buildings in which a hospital is located or a nursing home is housed: (1) an applicant seeking an initial license to operate a hospital; (2) an applicant seeking an initial license to operate a nursing home; (3) the holder of a license to operate a hospital; (4) the holder of a license to operate a nursing home; (5) in the case of a change in a licensed hospital's owner, an applicant seeking a license to operate the hospital as its entering owner; (6) in the case of a change in a licensed nursing home's operator, an applicant seeking a license to operate the nursing home as its entering operator.

Fiscal effect: None.

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DOHCD29 Change of owner - hospitals**R.C. 3722.04, 3722.01, 3722.06**

Eliminates current law provisions requiring a hospital's new owner to apply to the ODH Director for a license transfer and replaces them with provisions establishing the following: (1) a process for an entering owner to apply for a license and (2) conditions that must be met before the Director issues the new license, including those requiring the disclosure of certain ownership interests in the hospital (mirrors existing law for nursing home changes of operator).

Fiscal effect: None.**DOHCD26 Lead abatement tax credit****R.C. 3742.50**

Increases to \$50,000 (from \$10,000) the maximum amount of the tax credit that can be issued by the ODH Director for lead abatement.

Fiscal effect: May increase the amount of individual tax credits issued. However, current law limiting the total amount of tax credit certificates issued to \$5.0 million in a fiscal year remains unchanged.

DOHCD27 Inspection fees - facilities operated by medical practitioners**R.C. 3748.13**

Increases inspection fees for radiation-generating equipment used in facilities operated by medical practitioners or medical-practitioner groups, as follows:

- (1) For a first dental x-ray tube, from \$155 to \$310.
- (2) For each additional dental x-ray tube at the same location, from \$77 to \$154.
- (3) For a first medical x-ray tube, from \$307 to \$614.
- (4) For each additional medical x-ray tube at the same location, from \$163 to \$326.
- (5) For each unit of ionizing radiation-generating equipment capable of operating at or above 250 kilovoltage peak, from \$610 to \$1,220.
- (6) For a first nonionizing radiation-generating equipment of any kind, from \$307 to \$614.
- (7) For each additional nonionizing radiation-generating equipment of any kind at the same location, from \$163 to \$326.

Fiscal effect: ODH's General Operations Fund (Fund 4700) will realize a gain in revenues (fees are doubled under the bill).

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DOHCD32 Scope of environmental health specialists' practice**R.C. 3776.01**

Removes the administration or enforcement of the hazardous waste law from the scope of practice of environmental health that an environmental health specialist or environmental health specialist in training may engage in.

Fiscal effect: None.

DOHCD1 Mothers and Children Safety Net Services**Section: 291.20**

Earmarks up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 440416, Mothers and Children Safety Net Services, to be used to assist families with children who have hearing loss or hearing disorders under 26 years of age in purchasing hearing aids and hearing assistive technology.

Requires the ODH Director to adopt rules governing the distribution of these funds including rules that do both of the following: (1) establish eligibility criteria to include families with incomes at or below 400% FPL; and (2) develop a sliding scale of disbursement based on family income.

DOHCD2 Free Clinic Safety Net Services**Section: 291.20**

Requires GRF ALI 440431, Free Clinic Safety Net Services, to be provided to the Charitable Healthcare Network.

Allows funds to be used to reimburse free clinics for health care services provided, as well as for administrative services, information technology costs, infrastructure repair, or other clinic necessities.

Allows the ODH Director to designate up to 5% of the ALI in each fiscal year to pay ODH's administrative costs.

DOHCD3 AIDS Prevention**Section: 291.20**

Requires GRF ALI 440444, AIDS Prevention, to be used to administer educational and other prevention initiatives.

DOHCD4 FQHC Primary Care Workforce Initiative**Section: 291.20**

Requires GRF ALI 440465, FQHC Primary Care Workforce Initiative, to be provided to the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers to administer the FQHC Primary Care Workforce Initiative. Requires the Initiative to provide medical, dental, behavioral health, physician assistant, and advanced practice nursing students with clinical rotations through federally qualified health centers.

Allows the ODH Director to designate up to 5% of the ALI in each fiscal year to pay ODH's administrative costs.

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DOHCD5 Emergency Preparedness and Response**Section: 291.20**

Requires GRF ALI 440477, Emergency Preparedness and Response, to be used to support public health emergency preparedness and response efforts. Allows GRF ALI 440477 to also be used to support data infrastructure projects and other data analysis and analytics work.

DOHCD6 Lupus Awareness**Section: 291.20**

Requires GRF ALI 440481, Lupus Awareness, to be distributed to the Lupus Foundation of America, Greater Ohio Chapter, Inc., to operate a lupus education and awareness program.

DOHCD7 Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention and Drug Overdose**Section: 291.20**

Makes the following earmarks in GRF ALI 440482, Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention and Drug Overdose:

- (1) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to be used, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and the Governor's RecoveryOhio Initiative, to support the continuation of the Health Systems Comprehensive Care Initiative to enhance Ohio's response to the addiction crisis by creating a comprehensive system of care for patients who present in health systems with addiction; and
- (2) Up to \$250,000 in each fiscal year to be used, in consultation with the Governor's RecoveryOhio Initiative, to support local health providers' harm reduction efforts to reduce overdose rates and deaths.

Requires the remainder of GRF ALI 440482 to be used to support ODH's ongoing health improvement and wellness efforts, health promotion, and related activities.

DOHCD8 Infectious Disease Prevention and Control**Section: 291.20**

Allows the ODH Director, in FY 2026, to certify to the OBM Director an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of GRF ALI 440483, Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, at the end of FY 2026 to be reappropriated to FY 2027. Reappropriates the amount certified to the same ALI for FY 2027.

DOHCD9 Health Program Support**Section: 291.20**

Makes the following earmarks in GRF ALI 440485, Health Program Support:

- (A) \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year to be used by ODH, in consultation with DEW, to support school-based health centers in high-need counties, as determined by the departments;

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(B) \$125,000 in each fiscal year to be provided to Ohio Adolescent Health Centers to support sexual risk avoidance programs in schools; and

(C) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Ohio organizations providing certain services to Ohioans diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Requires these funds:

(1) To be distributed based on each awarded organization's identified Ohio county coverage and by prevalence rate of persons living with ALS using the Census Bureau's most recent population estimates.

(2) To be used to support persons living with ALS and to provide various services.

(3) To be designated in service to Ohioans (prohibits funds be used for persons living outside of Ohio).

DOHCD10 Toxicology Screenings**Section: 291.20**

Requires GRF ALI 440495, Toxicology Screenings, to be used to reimburse county coroners in counties in which the coroner has performed toxicology screenings on victims of a drug overdose.

Requires the ODH Director to transfer the funds to the counties in proportion to the number of toxicology screenings performed per county.

DOHCD11 Targeted Health Care Services - Over 21**Section: 291.20**

Requires GRF ALI 440507, Targeted Health Care Services - Over 21, to be used to administer the Cystic Fibrosis Program and to implement the Hemophilia Insurance Premium Payment Program (HIPP). Requires that up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year in ALI 440507 be expended on HIPP.

Requires GRF ALI 440507 to also be used to: (1) cover services provided to adults over 21 with cystic fibrosis who are eligible for treatment under the Cystic Fibrosis Program; (2) provide essential medications; and (3) pay the copayments for drugs approved by ODH and covered by Medicare Part D that are dispensed to participants for the Cystic Fibrosis Program.

Requires ODH to expend all funds in GRF ALI 440507.

DOHCD12 Lead Abatement**Section: 291.20**

Requires ODH to distribute the following funds to local governments for projects that include lead hazard control and housing rehabilitation initiatives that expand ODH's lead hazard control and prevention efforts: (1) GRF ALI 440530, Lead-Safe Home Fund Program; and (2) \$500,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 440527, Lead Abatement.

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DOHCD14 Youth Homelessness**Section: 291.20**

Requires GRF ALI 440672, Youth Homelessness, to be used to address homelessness in youth and pregnant women by providing assertive outreach to provide stable housing, including recovery housing.

DOHCD15 Fee Supported Programs**Section: 291.20**

Earmarks \$2,160,000 in each fiscal year in Fund 4700 ALI 440647, Fee Supported Programs, to be used to distribute subsidies, on a per capita basis, to local health departments accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board or in the process of earning accreditation.

Earmarks an additional \$1,840,000 in each fiscal year in ALI 440647 to be used to distribute subsidies, on a per capita basis, to local health departments accredited through the Public Health Accreditation Board.

DOHCD16 Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Audit Fund**Section: 291.20**

Specifies that the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Audit Fund (Fund 4770) is to receive revenue from audits of hospitals and recoveries from third-party payers. Permits moneys in the fund to be used for payment of audit settlements and for costs directly related to obtaining recoveries from third-party payers and for encouraging Program for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs recipients to apply for third-party benefits.

Permits moneys in the fund to also be used for payments for diagnostic and treatment services on behalf of children and youth with special health care needs and Ohio residents who are 21 or over and who are suffering from cystic fibrosis or hemophilia.

Permits moneys to also be used for administrative expenses incurred in operating the Program for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs.

DOHCD17 Genetics Services**Section: 291.20**

Requires Fund 4D60 ALI 440608, Genetics Services, to be used to administer newborn screening and genetic disease programs. Prohibits funds from being used to counsel or refer for abortion, except in the case of a medical emergency.

DOHCD18 Tobacco Use Prevention, Cessation, and Enforcement**Section: 291.20**

Earmarks \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year from Fund 5BX0 ALI 440656, Tobacco Use Prevention, Cessation, and Enforcement, to used by the ODH Director, in consultation with the DCY Director, to award funds to private, nonprofit, or government entities.

Requires the directors to determine how the funds are to be distributed, but requires they prioritize awards to entities that serve women who reside in communities that have the highest infant mortality rates, as identified by the ODH Director, in consultation with the MCD Director.

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Requires ODH to award grants to entities that demonstrate the ability to deliver evidence-based tobacco cessation interventions to women.

Requires the remainder of ALI 440656 to be used to administer tobacco use prevention and cessation activities and programs, to administer compliance checks, retailer education, programs related to legal age restrictions, and to enforce the Ohio Smoke-Free Workplace Act.

DOHCD19 Cash transfer to the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund**Section: 291.20**

Requires the OBM Director, on July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer up to \$20,000,000 cash from the Pre-Securitization Tobacco Payments Fund (Fund 5LS0) to the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund (Fund 5BX0).

DOHCD20 Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs - County Assessments**Section: 291.20**

Requires Fund 6660 ALI 440607, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs – County Assessments, to be used to make payments for expenses associated with the Program for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs.

DOHCD21 Children’s Vision Services**Section: 291.30, 291.20**

Requires ODH to establish and administer the Ohio Student Eye Exam Program (OhioSEE Program).

Permits vision care services to be provided to kindergarten through third grade students who fail vision screenings and lack access to follow-up care.

Requires ODH to focus on improving the percentage of vision care referrals completed, increasing student access to eye examinations, and providing necessary eyewear to eligible students.

Requires GRF ALI 440496, Children’s Vision Services, to be used to provide vision care services under the OhioSEE Program.

DOHCD22 Children’s Dental Services**Section: 291.40, 291.20**

Requires ODH to establish and administer the Children’s Dental Services Program.

Permits dental care services to be provided to a child who: (1) resides in an underserved area as determined by ODH; and (2) meets any other eligibility conditions established by ODH.

Permits dental care services under the program to be provided by deploying mobile dental units to schools and underserved areas.

Requires ODH to focus on increasing children’s access to dental care and helping to reduce the incidence of dental cavities among children.

Requires GRF ALI 440497, Children’s Dental Services, to be used to provide dental care services under the Children’s Dental Services Program.

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BORCD91 Contracts with unaccredited online program managers**R.C. 1713.03, 1713.032, 3333.0420**

Defines a "contractual agreement" as a contract in which a state or private nonprofit institution of higher education grants an unaccredited online program manager input or authority on any of the following: (1) curriculum development, design, or maintenance; (2) student assessment and grading; (3) course assessment; (4) admissions requirements; (5) appointment of faculty; (6) faculty assessment; (7) decision to award course credit or credential; (8) institutional governance.

Requires each state institution of higher education annually to report to the Chancellor of Higher Education each contractual agreement it entered into in that year.

Requires each private nonprofit institution to disclose on its annual report to the Chancellor any unaccredited online program managers it has contracted with to provide instruction to its students.

Authorizes the Chancellor to request that an institution provide the Chancellor with all information concerning a contractual agreement, including a copy of the agreement.

Requires a private nonprofit institution that intends to enter into a contractual agreement to submit appropriate documentation to the Chancellor and obtain approval before entering into the agreement.

Permits the Chancellor to require that each state institution submit a contractual agreement to the Chancellor prior to the agreement's execution for a review to ensure compliance with the standards and procedures for academic program review.

Requires each state and private nonprofit institution to do all of the following with regard to a contractual agreement:

- (1) Maintain responsibility for and oversight of the academic program as specified in the Chancellor's standards and procedures for academic program approval;
- (2) Ensure each academic program is offered in the manner approved by the Chancellor or formally request approval for a significant change to the previously approved program or approval of a new academic program; and
- (3) Notify students which parties are providing instruction, recruitment, and other services under the agreement.

Prohibits a state or private nonprofit institution from entering a contractual agreement unless the agreement grants the Chancellor the authority to invalidate the agreement if it either was not approved by the Chancellor or is not compliant with the Chancellor's standards and procedures for academic program approval.

Requires a state or private nonprofit institution to offer each current student remediated instruction at no cost or a full refund if the Chancellor invalidates a contractual agreement.

Fiscal effect: A state institution that enters into a contractual agreement will incur increased administrative costs.

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BORCD93 Higher education institution program review**R.C. 1713.041, 3333.074**

Requires each state and private nonprofit institution of higher education to annually submit the following information to the Chancellor: the institution's accreditation status, a plan to preserve student records indefinitely in case of closure, the results of any external degree program evaluations that occurred in the last year, and any other information requested by the Chancellor.

Requires each private nonprofit institution to submit a list of current degree programs offered in Ohio and the latest financial statement for the most recent fiscal year compiled by an independent certified public accountant.

Permits the Chancellor to rescind approval of a program or a private nonprofit institution's authorization if an institution fails to submit the required information.

Requires each institution to immediately notify the Chancellor if it is placed on special monitoring status by the federal government or an accrediting organization, receives preliminary or final accreditation findings, is under investigation by a government agency, fails to make specified payments, makes budget revisions resulting in substantially reduced ending fund balance or larger deficit, or becomes aware of significant negative variance between its annual budget and actual revenues or expenses projected at the end of the fiscal year.

Requires each state institution to notify the Chancellor if it has requested an advance of a state subsidy.

Exempts documents submitted to the Chancellor that are related to heightened reporting standards or special monitoring status, accreditation findings, or government agency investigations from public records requests until such time the document is released by the appropriate entity.

Specifies that financial documents submitted to the Chancellor by a private nonprofit institution are not public records.

Fiscal effect: Provides ODHE greater oversight for institutions that may be in financial distress. State institutions may incur an increase in administrative costs to meet the reporting and notification requirements.

BORCD85 Choose Ohio First Co-Op/Internship Program reporting**R.C. 3333.041**

Eliminates the requirement for the Chancellor to annually report to the Governor and General Assembly the academic and economic impact of the Ohio Co-Op/Internship Program.

Fiscal effect: ODHE may experience a slight reduction in administrative workload.

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BORCD90 Attainment Goal 2025 replacement

R.C. 3333.0415

Replaces the outdated requirement that the Chancellor and DEW prepare an annual report regarding the progress the state is making in increasing the percentage of adults with a postsecondary credential to 65% by the year 2025 with one that requires the Chancellor, DEW, and OWT to establish the level of attainment necessary to achieve identified performance targets across a range of degrees and credentials.

Fiscal effect: None.**BORCD84 Teach CS program changes**

R.C. 3333.129

Modifies the purpose of Teach CS from funding "coursework, materials, and exams to support the increasing number of existing teachers who qualify to teach computer science" to providing "support for increasing the number of Ohio teachers who qualify to teach computer science or to expand the knowledge of existing teachers."

Authorizes funds to be spent on coursework, materials, exams, teacher stipends, performance-based incentives, and for other purposes as determined by the Chancellor to support the expansion of computer science education.

Fiscal effect: Teach CS' changes may increase the number of participants in the program. The bill appropriates just over \$4.0 million in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235413, Computer Science, to support the program (see BORCD5).**BORCD86 College credit for military training, experience, and coursework**

R.C. 3333.164

Permits the Chancellor to require state and private institutions of higher education to establish a process to evaluate military training, experience, and coursework and to award appropriate equivalent college credit to a student who is a veteran. Permits the Chancellor to adopt rules to implement those requirements.

Fiscal effect: If an institution is required to award equivalent college credit for certain military experience, it may forego tuition and fees that would have been otherwise charged to the student for enrolling in a course.**BORCD83 Ohio Work Ready Grant Program changes**

R.C. 3333.24

Requires the Chancellor and OWT to establish alternative criteria based on Ohio's emerging workforce needs to identify qualified programs for which a student may receive a first-time grant under the program on or after the bill's effective date.

Requires the Chancellor to collect and report data on technician-aligned associate degrees as a program metric.

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Fiscal effect: Under current law, a qualified program is a credit or noncredit program that leads to an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or degree that (1) prepares the student for an in-demand or critical job or (2) is submitted by a two-year community college or regional campus or OTC to meet regional workforce needs. The bill appropriates \$10 million in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant Program, to fund the grants (see BORCD9).

BORCD92 Strategic Square Footage Reduction**R.C. 3333.96, 3334.11, 3334.12**

Requires the Chancellor, in consultation with OFCC, to administer and award revolving loans to state institutions of higher education that enable the voluntary reduction of physical square footage at their campuses.

Requires the Chancellor and OFCC to establish: (1) procedures and forms to apply for a loan; (2) a competitive process for ranking applicants and awarding the loans, with priority given to state institutions whose general student population has decreased; (3) procedures and timelines for distributing the loans and collecting payments for the fund; and (4) procedures for each state institution to include in its application.

Requires the Chancellor and OFCC to consider the following in making final awards: (1) the value of the facilities if sold or reallocated to serve other purposes; (2) the relative age and condition of the facilities to be deconstructed; (3) historical enrollment patterns as well as future enrollment projections; (4) the composition of classes offered in person versus in an online format; (5) the level of deferred maintenance; (6) the prior level of state investment; (7) the amount of annual operating expenses defrayed by eliminating the facilities; and (8) a report from OBM that details the extent and status of past capital budget funding for the project and the existence of any outstanding bonded debt derived from that support.

Requires each recipient institution annually to provide a summary of financial information regarding the loan.

Requires a state institution's board of trustees to adopt a resolution approving the demolition project prior to using the loan.

Requires any net proceeds received from any demolition, at the direction of the OBM Director, to be credited to funds in the state treasury, or to accounts held by the state institution.

Prohibits a state institution that receives a loan from constructing any new facility at the same time demolition is occurring.

Requires TOS, upon request by the Chancellor and approval by the OBM Director, to transfer funds from the Ohio Tuition Reserve Fund to the Strategic Square Footage Reduction Fund (Fund 5JC1) created by the bill. Requires TOS, upon request by the Chancellor, to transfer the amount determined to be surplus, based on the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund's annual actuarial soundness evaluation conducted under continuing law, to Fund 5JC1. Requires at least 5% of the surplus to remain in the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$82.7 million in FY 2026 from Fund 5CJ1 ALI 2356A2, Strategic Square Footage Reduction, to support the loans. According to ODHE, the Ohio Tuition Reserve Fund, a sub-fund of the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund, currently has a balance of \$89.3 million.

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BORCD89 Rules adopted by state institutions of higher education**R.C. 3345.033, 3345.14, 3345.57, 3345.69**

Eliminates the requirement that the LSC Director publish rules adopted by a state institution of higher education in the electronic Administrative Code and the requirement that the state institution file a copy of the rule with JCARR.

Requires a state institution to annually submit an electronic copy of all effective rules to the Chancellor and the chairpersons of the committees that primarily deal with higher education in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Permits the chairpersons to hold a hearing and require a representative from the state institution to provide testimony regarding the rule, upon both receipt of a rule and failure to receive the rule.

Exempts rules posted on a state institution's website from review by JCARR and state law governing rules adopted by state agencies.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.**BORCD88 Guaranteed admission****R.C. 3345.06**

Guarantees admission to a state institution of higher education for each high school graduate in the top 10% of the graduate's graduating class.

Permits a state university to delay admission to its main campus and, instead, admit a student to a regional campus if the student does not meet the standards for unconditional admission.

Guarantees admission to the main campus of a state institution to each recipient of the Governor's Merit Scholarship (see BORCD43).

Fiscal effect: May increase enrollment at state institutions, which would increase tuition revenues as well as instructional costs. State institutions may gain or lose revenue from state share of instruction (SSI) formula payments depending on how the enrollment of these individuals changes the institution's share of institutional outcome factors used in the formula.

BORCD94 State and private nonprofit institution student record preservation plans**R.C. 3345.601, 1713.032**

Requires each state and private nonprofit institution of higher education to annually provide the Chancellor with a plan to preserve student records indefinitely if the institution were to close.

Authorizes the Chancellor to consult with the Higher Learning Commission, the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools, and other appropriate entities to establish plans, processes, and procedures for institutions and schools to provide indefinite access to student records.

Fiscal effect: Minimal increase in administrative costs for state institutions.

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BORCD95 State institutions under fiscal caution**R.C. 3345.721, 3345.71**

Requires the Chancellor, in consultation with OBM, to adopt rules that include:

- (1) Criteria for determining when to review and, if necessary, declare a state institution under fiscal caution;
- (2) A requirement that a state institution on fiscal caution submit a financial recovery plan within a defined period after the declaration is made;
- (3) A requirement that a state institution on fiscal caution submit a three-year forecast of revenues and expenditures;
- (4) A requirement that a state institution on fiscal caution consult with AUD regarding steps to bring the institution's financial accounting and reporting into compliance with AUD's requirements;
- (5) A requirement that a state institution submit regular reports for the duration of a fiscal caution; and
- (6) Criteria for determining when to declare the termination of the fiscal caution of a state institution.

Permits the Chancellor to impose limitations on a state institution that fails to comply with requirements related to a fiscal caution or fails to take decisive action to improve the institution's financial condition.

Fiscal effect: ODHE, OBM, and AUD may incur increased administrative costs in identifying and supporting institutions under fiscal distress.

BORCD97 Financial indicators and governance authorities for state institutions in fiscal watch**R.C. 3345.74, 3345.75**

Requires the Chancellor to use specified financial indicators to determine whether the board of trustees of a state institution has taken any action related to pausing or stopping enrollment, submitted a withdrawal of accreditation, or taken any other action indicating the institution will no longer offer educational activity or will undergo a wind down and dissolution of existence.

Requires a five-member governance authority appointed for a state institution in fiscal watch to include one member with expertise in academic affairs and accreditation and one member with expertise in either state agency budgets or state institution finances.

Requires the governance authority to include in its report all matters related to compliance with institution closure requirements specified by the Chancellor if it determines closure is necessary or is appointed to facilitate an orderly closure.

Fiscal effect: Minimal increase in administrative workload for the governing authority.

BORCD96 Fiscal integrity of state institutions of higher education**R.C. 3345.79**

Makes the following declarations:

- (1) Requiring the fiscal integrity of state institutions is the public policy and a public purpose of the state;
- (2) The intent of the General Assembly to enact procedures, provide powers, and impose restrictions to assure fiscal integrity of state universities; and

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(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.

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.

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.

BORCD87 Co-op internship programs at state institutions**R.C. 3345.83**

Requires, no later than the 2027-2028 academic year, each state institution of higher education to develop and implement a co-op internship program that aligns with JobsOhio's target economic sectors and connects students with Ohio-based employers to facilitate work-based learning opportunities related to the student's course of study.

Requires the Chancellor to consult with JobsOhio to develop the goals, structure, and parameters of the program.

Requires, beginning June 30th of the year following the program's implementation, and each year thereafter, each institution to report to the Chancellor the number of participating students, which employers are partnering with the institution, and how many participating students have received or accepted offers of employment after graduation as a direct result of the program.

Fiscal effect: State institutions will incur administrative costs to develop and implement these programs. ODHE's administrative workload will increase to develop rules and create the goals, structure, and parameters of the program.

BORCD77 Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) repeal**R.C. 3354.24, (Repealed), Sections 381.730, 733.40**

Repeals the Eastern Gateway Community College district, effective June 30, 2027.

Requires the Chancellor, postsecondary educational institutions, and other appropriate stakeholders to monitor and evaluate the ongoing availability of postsecondary educational offerings within the four-county service district (Columbiana, Jefferson, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties) formerly served by EGCC.

Authorizes the Chancellor, if necessary, to seek to achieve favorable outcomes by engaging with other postsecondary institutions to encourage uninterrupted access to educational opportunities, including outcomes associated with program offerings, program-related equipment, or physical facilities.

Permits other community colleges to serve the counties previously served by EGCC, as long as an academic program is approved and the college seeks approval under rules adopted by the Chancellor.

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Fiscal effect: EGCC's last day of instruction was July 28, 2024, and it officially dissolved in October of that same year. ODHE and higher education institutions may incur some administrative costs. Community colleges that opt to serve students in the counties in the former EGCC district may incur costs in doing so, at least some of which will be offset by additional revenues received from tuition and fees and subsidy received under the State Share of Instruction (SSI) formula.

BORCD1 Operating Expenses**Section: 381.20**

Earmarks up to \$1,200,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235321, Operating Expenses, to be used by the Chancellor, in consultation with OH-TECH, to enhance security operations and services.

Requires that enhanced security operations and services benefit all members of OH-TECH and may include but not be limited to (1) establishing an enterprise security operations center; (2) configuration management in the area of data loss prevention; (3) endpoint patch and compliance; (4) log aggregation; (5) web application firewall; (6) vulnerability management across the consortium; and (7) other critical security enhancement services as determined appropriate by the Chancellor.

Permits the Ohio Academic Resource Network (OARnet) and the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC) to use a portion of these funds to enhance their respective network security operations to better serve clients who store sensitive data that is subject to the highest data privacy standards imposed by federal regulations and national research organizations, including, but not limited to, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense.

BORCD2 Sea Grants**Section: 381.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 235402, Sea Grants, be used by the Ohio State University's (OSU) Sea Grant program, including Stone Laboratory, to match federal dollars and to enhance Lake Erie and Ohio's coastal resources.

BORCD3 Articulation and Transfer**Section: 381.30**

Requires that GRF ALI 235406, Articulation and Transfer, be used to maintain and expand the work of the Articulation and Transfer Network Advisory Council to develop a system of transfer policies that ensure that course work will apply to majors and degrees at any state institution.

BORCD4 Midwest Higher Education Compact**Section: 381.40**

Requires that GRF ALI 235408, Midwest Higher Education Compact, be used to pay membership fees to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

Executive**BORCD5 Computer Science****Section: 381.80**

Requires that GRF ALI 235413, Computer Science, be used to administer and award grants under the Teach CS Grant Program (see BORCD84).

BORCD6 Grants and Scholarship Administration**Section: 381.90**

Requires that GRF ALI 235414, Grants and Scholarship Administration, be used to administer various state and federal student financial aid and scholarship programs, support all financial aid audits, and provide fiscal services for the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program.

BORCD7 Technology Maintenance and Operations**Section: 381.110**

Requires that GRF ALI 235417, Technology Maintenance and Operations, be used to support the development and implementation of information technology solutions designed to improve ODHE's performance and capacity. Authorizes the Ohio Technology Consortium (OH-TECH) to provide information technology solutions.

Makes the following earmarks from ALI 235417:

- (1) A portion in each fiscal year to support the eStudent Services consortium. Requires eStudent Services to use these funds to expand access to dual enrollment opportunities for high school students, continue the support of the statewide eTutoring program, and for any other ODHE strategic priorities.
 - (2) A portion in each fiscal year to implement a high priority data warehouse, advanced analytics, and visualization integration services associated with the Higher Education Information (HEI) system. Authorizes OH-TECH to facilitate services.
 - (3) \$150,000 in each fiscal year to support Ohio Reach to provide mentoring and support services to former foster youth attending college.
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BORCD8 Mental Health Support**Section: 381.130**

Requires that GRF ALI 235419, Mental Health Support, be used to provide resources and support to address behavioral health needs at public and private, nonprofit universities and colleges.

Requires the Chancellor to use the funds to prioritize behavioral health services, including, but not limited to, expansion of telehealth options, increased awareness of telephone and text message care line services, expansion of certified peer educator programs, and direct aid to students who are unable to afford care.

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Requires the Chancellor, in allocating funds under this ALI, to consider at least the following factors: (1) the relative severity of needs expressed and associated risks involved; (2) the extent to which funds awarded will increase campus-wide knowledge and awareness of available care options; (3) the extent to which funds awarded will increase access to, and availability of, care options; (4) the extent to which funds awarded will remove barriers to care options; and (5) the extent to which funds awarded will be leveraged to create long-term sustainability on campus and support collaborative, community-based programs and initiatives that can be sustained with community resources.

Permits the Chancellor to consult with the Department of Behavioral Health, RecoveryOhio, local and regional behavioral health providers, and other stakeholders as determined by the Chancellor to be appropriate when allocating funds under this ALI.

Prohibits an institution receiving funds under this ALI from (1) changing their mental health support services to shift the cost of those programs onto this one and (2) reducing their mental health support services below what they provided in the most recent academic year.

BORCD9 Ohio Work Ready Grant**Section: 381.160**

Requires that GRF ALI 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant, be used to establish and operate the Ohio Work Ready Grant Program (see BORCD83).

BORCD10 Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership**Section: 381.180**

Earmarks \$500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235428, Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership, to be allocated to the Mahoning Valley Innovation and Commercialization Center.

Requires the remainder of the ALI be distributed to Ohio University's Voinovich School to continue an effort to link Appalachia to the new economy.

Requires Ohio University to use the funds to lead in the development and implementation of initiatives in the areas of entrepreneurship, management, education, and technology.

BORCD11 Choose Ohio First Scholarship**Section: 381.190**

Requires that GRF ALI 235438, Choose Ohio First Scholarship, be used to operate the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235438, from the GRF to the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PV0).

BORCD12 Aspire**Section: 381.200**

Requires that GRF ALI 235443, Aspire, be used to support the Aspire program, which supports adult basic and literacy education instructional programs. Requires that supported programs satisfy the state match and maintenance of effort requirements for the state-administered grant program. Authorizes funds to be used to support students that speak English as their second language.

Executive**BORCD13 Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs)****Section: 381.210**

Requires that GRF ALI 235444, Ohio Technical Centers, be used to support post-secondary adult career-technical education and makes the following earmarks:

- (1) up to 2.38% in each fiscal year for the Ohio Central School System.
- (2) up to \$48,000 in each fiscal year for assistance for OTCs.
- (3) up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year for OTCs that provide customized training and business consultation with matching local dollars, with preference to industries on the existing in-demand jobs list or in regionally emerging fields or local business and industries. Sets \$25,000 as the minimum for each OTC and requires a maximum amount to be determined by the Chancellor.

Requires the remainder be distributed according to the OTC funding formula (see BORCD14).

BORCD14 Ohio Technical Centers funding formula**Section: 381.210**

Requires each OTC to report data to the Chancellor. Requires the Chancellor to provide coordination for OTCs through approval processes, data collection of program and student outcomes, and subsidy disbursements. Requires the Chancellor to exclude non-residents in the number of students eligible for state subsidy. Defines full-time equivalent (FTE) as completion of 450 hours. Requires the use of a three-year average in calculating the number of FTE students. Requires OTCs to operate with, or be an active candidate for, accreditation by an accreditor authorized by the U.S. Department of Education in order to continue to receive state subsidy.

Distributes the OTC formula allocation as follows:

- (1) 25% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who complete a post-secondary technical workforce training program with a grade of C or better or pass if graded as pass/fail.
 - (2) 20% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who complete 50% of a program of study.
 - (3) 50% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who find employment, enter military service, or enroll in additional post-secondary education and training.
 - (4) 5% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who earn a credential from an industry recognized third party.
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BORCD15 Area Health Education Centers**Section: 381.220**

Requires that GRF ALI 235474, Area Health Education Centers, be used by the Chancellor to support the medical school regional area health education centers' educational programs and the Area Health Education Center Program.

Executive**BORCD16 Campus Security Support Program****Section: 381.220**

Requires that GRF ALI 235475, Campus Security Support Program, be distributed by the Chancellor to institutionally sanctioned student organizations affiliated with communities that are at risk for increased threats of violent crime, terror attacks, hate crimes, or harassment to enhance security measures and increase student safety at institutions of higher education throughout the state.

Authorizes ODHE to use a portion of ALI 235475 to administer the program.

BORCD17 Campus Student Safety Grant Program**Section: 381.220**

Requires that GRF ALI 235476, Campus Student Safety Grant Program, be used by the Chancellor to support the Campus Student Safety Grant Program.

BORCD18 Campus Safety and Training**Section: 381.230**

Requires that GRF ALI 235492, Campus Safety and Training, be used by the Chancellor, in consultation with state and private nonprofit institutions of higher education, to continue to develop model best practices in line with emerging trends, research, and evidence-based training for preventing and responding to sexual violence on campus. Requires the Chancellor to convene higher education institutions in the training and implementation of best practices regarding campus sexual violence.

BORCD19 State Share of Instruction (SSI) traditional formulas**Section: 381.240**

Requires the Chancellor to establish procedures to allocate GRF ALI 235501, State Share of Instruction, based on the SSI formulas that use the enrollment, course completion, degree attainment, and student achievement factors reported annually by each state institution participating in the Higher Education Information (HEI) system.

Prohibits a state institution from receiving its traditional SSI formula allocation for a fiscal year if that state institution fails to report data for a full academic year for any of the years included in the three-year reporting period for a fiscal year's SSI allocation, unless the Chancellor determines that exceptional circumstances warrant the institution receiving full or partial allocation.

BORCD20 SSI-FTE enrollment and course completions**Section: 381.240**

Requires state institutions to report their actual data to the Chancellor. Requires the Chancellor to exclude all undergraduate students who are not Ohio residents or who do not meet the definition of residency for state subsidy and tuition surcharge purposes (except those under reciprocity agreements or employer contracts) in defining the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students for the formula.

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BORCD21 SSI-Total costs per FTE**Section: 381.240**

Provides, for purposes of calculating SSI allocations, a table of total costs per FTE for the 24 non-medical curriculum models for each fiscal year, ranging from \$12,218 to \$46,846 for arts and humanities curriculum models; from \$12,297 to \$35,812 for business, education, and social science curriculum models; from \$52,586 to \$59,960 for doctoral curriculum models; and from \$12,059 to \$62,982 for science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM) curriculum models.

BORCD22 SSI-STEMM and graduate weights**Section: 381.240**

Requires that priority be given to maintaining state support for STEMM programs and lists curriculum model weights for each fiscal year, including a uniform weight of 1.0000 for all undergraduate-level models in arts, humanities, business, education, and social sciences, 1.0000 for doctoral models, and various weights ranging from 1.0000 to 1.8798 for graduate-level and STEMM models.

BORCD23 SSI-Degree attainment calculation for universities**Section: 381.240**

Reserves 50% of the amount earmarked for traditional SSI for universities in each fiscal year from ALI 235501 to support associate, baccalaureate, masters, and professional level degree attainment. Requires that degree attainment funding be allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the total statewide degrees granted, weighted by the cost of the degree programs.

Requires, for degrees including credits earned at multiple institutions, that degree attainment funding be allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the student-specific cost of earned credits for the degree. Requires that each institution receive its prorated share of degree funding for credits earned at that institution and that the cost of credits not earned at a university main or regional campus be credited to the degree-granting institution for the first degree earned by a student at each degree level. Requires that the cost credited to the degree-granting institution not be eligible for at-risk weights and limits the cost credited to 12.5% of the student-specific degree costs, unless the student transferred 12 or fewer credits into the degree granting institution.

Requires that the count for degree attainment include degrees earned by students identified as Ohio residents in any term, weighted by a factor of 1, and degrees earned by students identified as out-of-state students during all terms that remain in Ohio at least one year after graduation, weighted by a factor of 50%. Defines subsidy eligible associate degrees as those earned by students attending any state supported university main or regional campus.

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Requires, in calculating campus' degree counts, the Chancellor to use the three-year average associate, baccalaureate, master's, and professional degrees awarded for the most recent three-year period agreed to by the Inter-University Council (IUC) and the Chancellor. Limits, if a student is awarded an associate degree and later is awarded a baccalaureate degree, the amount funded for the baccalaureate degree to either (1) the difference in cost between the cost of the baccalaureate degree and the cost of the previous associate degree, or, (2) if the associate degree has a higher cost than the baccalaureate degree, the cost of the credits earned by the student after the associate degree was awarded. Specifies that in these instances the associate degree granting institution receive only the prorated share of the baccalaureate degree funding for the credits earned at that institution after the associate degree is awarded. Requires, if a student earns more than one degree at the same institution at the same degree level in the same fiscal year, that funding for the highest cost degree be prorated among institutions based on where the credits were earned and additional degrees be funded at 25% of the degree cost.

Requires that eligible associate and baccalaureate degrees counted in degree attainment be weighted by a statewide "at-risk" degree completion weight, calculated based on the at-risk factors of the individual student, determined by calculating the difference between the percentage of students with each risk factor who earned a degree and the percentage of non-at-risk students who earned a degree. Defines "at-risk" for a student based on academic under preparation, age, minority status, financial status, or first generation post-secondary status based on neither parent completing any education beyond high school.

BORCD24 SSI-Doctoral set-aside calculation for universities**Section: 381.240**

Reserves up to 11.78% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for universities from ALI 235501 to support doctoral programs (referred to as the "doctoral set-aside").

Requires the doctoral set-aside be allocated to universities as follows:

- (1) 25% in each fiscal year in proportion to each campus' share of doctoral program course completions. Requires that course completion earnings be determined by multiplying the total curricular model amounts and graduate weights by the subsidy-eligible doctoral FTEs who successfully complete courses in graduate-level models for the most recent completed three-year period agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor.
 - (2) 50% in each fiscal year in proportion to each campus' share of statewide doctoral degrees, weighted by the cost of the discipline. Requires, in counting campus' doctoral degrees, the Chancellor to use the three-year average doctoral degrees for the most recent completed three-year period that is agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor.
 - (3) 25% in each fiscal year in proportion to each campus' share of research grant activity. Requires that grant awards from the Department of Health and Human Services be weighted at 50%.
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Executive**BORCD25 SSI-Medical set-asides calculations for universities****Section: 381.240**

Reserves 6.41% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for universities from ALI 235501 to support Medical II FTEs (referred to as the "medical II set-aside"). Requires that these funds be allocated in proportion to each campus' share of the statewide total of three-year average Medical II FTEs. Specifies that, in calculating the core subsidy enrollments for Medical II models only, students repeating terms may be no more than 5% of current year enrollment.

Reserves 1.69% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for universities from ALI 235501 to support Medical I FTEs (referred to as the "medical I set-aside"). Requires that these funds be allocated in proportion to each campus' share of the statewide total of three-year average Medical I FTEs.

Makes the following earmarks from the medical I set-aside:

- (1) 12.34% in each fiscal year for public universities that have a college of podiatric medicine (Kent State University).
- (2) 87.66% in each fiscal year for public universities that have colleges of dentistry and veterinary medicine (Ohio State University).

BORCD26 SSI-Course completions calculation for universities**Section: 381.240**

Requires that, in calculating course completion funding for universities, the Chancellor only use FTEs who successfully complete a course.

Requires that successful course completion FTE students defined as "at-risk" based on academic under-preparation or financial status are to be weighted by (1) institution-specific course completion indexes calculated based on the number of at-risk students enrolled during the prior three calendar years, and (2) statewide at-risk course completion weights determined by the difference between the percentage of traditional students completing the course and the percentage of at-risk students completing the course.

Requires that, except for Medical I and Medical II models, all models have their course completion earnings determined by multiplying per FTE curriculum model costs by model weights and by the average number of subsidy-eligible FTEs for the most recent three-year period as agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor.

Requires that the course completion earnings be calculated by dividing the amount earmarked for traditional SSI for universities in each fiscal year from ALI 235501, less the degree attainment funding, the doctoral set-aside, and the medical set-asides, by the sum of all universities' instructional costs.

BORCD27 SSI-Calculation for community colleges**Section: 381.240**

Reserves 50% of the amount earmarked for traditional SSI for community colleges in each fiscal year from ALI 235501 for course completion FTEs as aggregated by the subsidy models. Specifies that the course completion funding be allocated to campuses in proportion to each campus's share of the total sector's course completions, weighted by the instructional cost of the subsidy models.

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Requires that calculations of course completions for these colleges use the average course completions for the previous three years for students identified as Ohio residents and that the subsidy eligible enrollments by model be equal to only those FTEs who successfully complete the course.

Requires that students with successful course completions, that are defined as "access students" based on financial status, minority status, age, or academic under-preparation, have their eligible course completions weighted by a statewide access weight. Specifies the weight given to any student eligible as an "access student" be 15% for all course completions. Specifies that the model costs are to be weighted by the cost of the degree programs.

Reserves 25% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for community colleges from ALI 235501 for allocation in proportion to each campus's share of college student success factors. Requires that student success factors be awarded at the institutional level for each subsidy-eligible student that successfully completes: (1) a college-level math course within the first 30 hours of completed coursework; (2) a college-level English course within the first 30 hours of completed coursework; (3) 12 semester credit hours of college-level coursework; (4) 24 semester credit hours of college-level coursework; (5) 36 semester credit hours of college-level coursework.

Reserves 25% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for community and technical colleges from ALI 235501 for completion milestones. Specifies that completion milestones include (1) baccalaureate degrees, (2) associate degrees, (3) technical certificates over 30 credit hours as designated by ODHE, and (4) students transferring to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours of college level coursework earned at that college. Requires that completion milestone funding be allocated in proportion to each campus's share of the sector's total completion milestones, weighted by the instructional costs of the degree, certificate, or transfer models. Specifies that costs for technical certificates over 30 hours be weighted at one-half of the associate degree model costs and transfers with at least 12 credit hours of college level coursework be weighted at one-fourth of the average cost for all associate degree model costs.

Requires that calculations of subsidy entitlements for completions at these colleges use a three-year average for completion milestones awarded to identified subsidy-eligible students in any term of their studies. Specifies that eligible model completions equal only those students who successfully complete a baccalaureate or associate degree, or technical certificate over 30 credit hours, or transfer to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours of college-level coursework.

Requires that students who are also defined as "access students" based on financial status, minority status, age, or academic under-preparation, have their eligible completion milestones weighted by a statewide access weight. Specifies the following statewide access weights: (1) 25% for students with one access factor; (2) 66% for two access factors; (3) 150% for three access factors; and, (4) 200% for four access factors.

Requires, for those students who complete more than one completion milestone, that funding for each additional degree or technical certificate over 30 credit hours as designated by ODHE be funded at 50% of model costs.

Requires the Chancellor to only include students who are subsidy-eligible and residents of Ohio in any term of their studies in the SSI calculation for community colleges. Also, prohibits the Chancellor from including nonresident students as subsidy-eligible, except for those students under reciprocity agreements or employer contracts.

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BORCD28 SSI-Capital component deduction**Section: 381.240**

Requires that, after all other adjustments have been made, a campus's SSI earnings be reduced by the amount, if any, by which debt service charged for that campus for capital budgets from the 126th G.A. and the 127th G.A. exceeds that campus's capital component earnings.

Requires that half of the sum of the total amounts of those deductions for the remainder of the program be transferred to GRF ALI 235552, Capital Component, in each fiscal year, except that the deduction and transfer may be reduced to the extent that ALI 235552 is sufficient to cover payments.

Requires, if the Chancellor determines that the transfer and deduction from ALI 235501 can be reduced, that the adjustments be completed proportionately to each institution's share of the total.

BORCD29 SSI-Exceptional circumstances and appropriation reductions**Section: 381.240**

Authorizes adjustments be made to the SSI payments and other subsidies distributed by the Chancellor for exceptional circumstances. Requires the recommendation of the Chancellor and approval of the Controlling Board for these adjustments.

Requires that the standard SSI formula provisions apply to any reductions made to ALI 235501 occurring prior to the Chancellor's formal approval of the SSI allocation. Requires that reductions made after the Chancellor's formal approval be applied uniformly to each campus in proportion to its share of the final traditional SSI allocation.

BORCD30 SSI-Distribution**Section: 381.240**

Requires that the SSI allocation be distributed in equal monthly payments. Authorizes payments for the first six months of the fiscal year be made based on the SSI appropriation estimates made for the various institutions and that payments for the last six months of the fiscal year be based on the final data from the Chancellor. Requires, if agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor, monthly payments to universities be based on final data in the HEI system for an agreed upon three-year period.

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.

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(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.

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.

(3) The remainder to be distributed through the traditional SSI formula, with 76.8% of the total remaining allocation under ALI 235501 distributed to public universities and regional campuses and 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.

BORCD32 Restriction on fee increases**Section: 381.260**

Requires, in FY 2026 and FY 2027, the boards of trustees of state institutions of higher education to restrain increases in in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees.

Authorizes, for academic years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, each community college to increase its in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees by no more than \$5 per credit hour over what the college charged for the previous academic year.

Exempts the following fees from the above limits: (1) student health insurance, (2) fees for auxiliary goods or services provided to students at the cost incurred to the institution, (3) fees assessed to students as a pass-through for licensure and certification examinations, (4) fees in elective courses associated with travel experiences, (5) elective service charges, (6) fines, and (7) voluntary sales transactions.

Specifies that limitations do not apply to increases required to comply with institutional covenants related to obligations or to meet unfunded legal mandates or commitments made prior to the effective date of the section. Requires that any increases necessary to cover these covenants or other requirements be reported to the Controlling Board by the Chancellor. Authorizes the Chancellor, with Controlling Board approval, to modify any limitations to respond to exceptional circumstances.

Authorizes state universities offering undergraduate tuition guarantees to increase instructional and general fees under certain circumstances permitted under those programs.

BORCD33 Higher Education-Board of Trustees**Section: 381.270**

Authorizes colleges and universities, with the Chancellor's approval, to use instructional subsidies for off-campus undergraduate and master's degree courses of study.

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Requires each board to supplement state subsidies by establishing uniform instructional and general fees to be charged to all students for universal services. Allows each board to establish special purpose fees and service charges for individual or specific categories of students that are not applied uniformly. Requires each board to establish a tuition surcharge to out-of-state students.

Prohibits each board from authorizing a waiver or nonpayment of instructional or general fees that is not authorized by law or approved by the Chancellor.

Authorizes each board to charge a lower differential tuition rate of instructional or general fees equal to the default rate options specified under the College Credit Plus Program (CCP) or equal to rates established under an agreed to alternative payment structure to nonpublic and home schooled students in CCP.

Authorizes each board to establish a lower differential tuition rate for in-state undergraduate instructional or general fees for students enrolled exclusively in online courses as long as a surcharge is still assessed. Authorizes the same for the surcharge charged to nonresidents enrolled exclusively in online courses.

Authorizes a board to lower a tuition rate for courses taken by high school students that do not qualify for CCP funding. Requires tuition rates to align with institution's rates charged for courses eligible for CCP funding.

Requires each institution of higher education, in its statement of charges, to separately identify the instructional fee, general fee, tuition charge, and tuition surcharge.

Requires each board ensure that faculty members devote a proper and judicious part of their work week to actual instruction of students.

Requires each board to exercise the authority of government vested by law in them. Specifies that administrative decisions are the exclusive prerogative of the boards and that any delegation of authority by the boards must be accompanied by appropriate standards of guidance and periodic review of the exercise of the delegated authority.

BORCD34 War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships**Section: 381.280**

Requires that GRF ALI 235504, War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships, be used to reimburse state institutions for waivers of instructional fees and general fees provided to eligible students, provide grants to private nonprofit institutions, and fund additional scholarships for children of persons declared prisoners of war or missing in action.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235504, from the GRF to the War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PW0).

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BORCD35 State Share of Instruction Reconciliation**Section: 381.290**

Requires the Chancellor, by September 1 in each fiscal year, to certify to the OBM Director the amount necessary to pay any outstanding prior-year obligations to higher education institutions under the SSI formulas. Appropriates, up to the certified amounts transferred from the State Financial Aid Reconciliation Fund (Fund 5Y50) to the GRF, to GRF ALI 235505, State Share of Instruction Reconciliation.

BORCD36 OhioLINK**Section: 381.300**

Requires that GRF ALI 235507, OhioLINK, be used to support OhioLINK, the state's electronic library information and retrieval system.

BORCD37 Air Force Institute of Technology**Section: 381.310**

Earmarks \$75,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235508, Air Force Institute of Technology, for the Aerospace Professional Development Center in Dayton for statewide workforce development services in the aerospace industry.

Requires that the remainder be used to strengthen educational linkages between Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Ohio institutions of higher education and to support the Defense Associated Graduate Student Innovators consortium.

BORCD38 Ohio Supercomputer Center**Section: 381.320**

Requires that GRF ALI 235510, Ohio Supercomputer Center, be used to support the Ohio Supercomputer Center, located at OSU.

BORCD39 The Ohio State University Extension Service**Section: 381.330**

Requires that GRF ALI 235511, The Ohio State University Extension Service, be disbursed to OSU in monthly payments.

BORCD40 Central State Supplement**Section: 381.340**

Requires that GRF ALI 235514, Central State Supplement, be disbursed to CSU to increase enrollment, improve course completion, and increase the number of degrees conferred.

BORCD41 Clinical teaching and other-medical related appropriations**Section: 381.350, 381.360, 381.380, 381.390, 381.430, 381.480, 381.510, 381.700**

Requires the following for the GRF clinical teaching and medical related ALIs:

(1) 235515, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, be disbursed to Case Western in accordance with state agreements.

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(2) 235519, Family Practice, be distributed in each fiscal year, based on each medical school's share of residents placed in a family practice and graduates practicing in a family practice.

(3) 235525, Geriatric Medicine, be distributed consistent with existing criteria and guidelines.

(4) 235526, Primary Care Residencies, be distributed, in each fiscal year, based on each medical school's share of residents placed in a primary care field and graduates practicing in a primary care field.

(5) 235536, The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching, 235537, University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching, 235538, University of Toledo Clinical Teaching, 235539, Wright State University Clinical Teaching, 235540, Ohio University Clinical Teaching, and 235541, Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching, be distributed by the Chancellor.

Earmarks \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year from ALI 235539 to support the Aerospace Medicine program at Wright State University.

(6) 235558, Long-term Care Research, be disbursed to Miami University for long-term care research.

(7) 235572, The Ohio State University Clinic Support, be distributed to OSU for support of dental and veterinary medicine clinics.

Requires, for each fiscal year, each institution of higher education that receives funds from any one of the above-mentioned 12 specific clinical teaching or other-medical related ALIs, plus GRF ALI 235543, Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine Clinic Subsidy, to report the residency status of students that have graduated from one of the applicable programs at one year and five years after graduating.

BORCD42 Shawnee State Supplement**Section: 381.370**

Requires that GRF ALI 235520, Shawnee State Supplement, be disbursed to SSU to improve course completion, increase the number of degrees conferred, and further the university's mission of service to the Appalachian region.

BORCD43 Governor's Merit Scholarship**Section: 381.400**

Requires that GRF ALI 235530, Governor's Merit Scholarship, be used to administer and award individual merit-based scholarships of \$5,000 per academic year to eligible students determined to be in the top 5% of their public or chartered nonpublic high school's graduating class at the end of their junior year, as determined by their high school using criteria established by the Chancellor in consultation with the DEW Director. Requires each high school to provide the information as requested by the Chancellor to determine scholarship eligibility.

Requires eligible students to receive an award for up to the equivalent of four academic years at a public or private, nonprofit institution of higher education, contingent on satisfactory academic progress.

Requires the Chancellor and DEW Director to determine eligibility for home-schooled high school graduates to provide them with a similar level of access to the scholarship.

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Prohibits a qualifying higher education institution receiving funds under this program from either (1) changing their scholarship or financial aid programs to shift the cost of those programs onto this one or (2) reducing their level of merit-based financial aid below what they provided in the most recent academic year in the aggregate to all students or on a per-student basis.

Permits the Chancellor to establish guidelines to implement this program.

BORCD44 Program and Project Support**Section: 381.410**

Makes the following earmarks of GRF ALI 235533, Program and Project Support:

- (1) \$14,000,000 in FY 2026 to be distributed to Miami University to establish the Ohio Institute for Quantum Computing Research, Talent, and Commercialization and an urban bridge to Cleveland.
- (2) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to OSU to support the Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society (see BORCD45).
- (3) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to the University of Toledo to support the Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership (see BORCD45).
- (4) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Miami University to support a center for civics, culture, and society (see BORCD45).
- (5) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Cleveland State University to support a center for civics, culture, and society (see BORCD45).
- (6) \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to Wright State University to support a center for civics, culture, and workforce development (see BORCD45).
- (7) \$500,000 in each fiscal year to support the Ohio Aerospace Institute's Space Grant Consortium.

BORCD45 Centers for Civics, Culture, and Society And Workforce Development Consultation**Section: 381.415**

Requires the Chancellor to consult with the directors, or the directors' designees, of the five centers (Cleveland State, Miami, Ohio State, Toledo, Wright State) for civics, culture, and society and workforce to evaluate the extent to which the centers may be leveraged for the benefit of the entire state.

Requires, by March 31, 2026, the directors to prepare and submit to the Chancellor a summary of recommendations and a plan to achieve maximum statewide benefit including options to establish programming at other state institutions through seminars, lectures, student courses and assisting faculty with curriculum development or sharing of curriculum developed by the centers. Requires, in developing the plan and curriculum, the centers to seek to achieve the broadest geographic coverage possible.

Authorizes, effective July 1, 2026, the Chancellor to require the centers to engage in activities included in their summary of recommendations that are intended to benefit the entire state.

Requires each center to use a portion of its funding in each fiscal year to benefit the entire state and to report in its required annual report the percentage of its funds the center used to assist other universities and a summary of the specific types of services and benefits provided.

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Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative workload for each of the five universities to consult with the Chancellor, prepare and submit plans, and use a portion of its funding in each fiscal year to benefit the entire state. Each center receives \$2.0 million in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235533, Program and Project Support (see BORCD44).

BORCD46 Ohio State Agricultural Research**Section: 381.420**

Requires that GRF ALI 235535, Ohio State Agricultural Research, be disbursed to OSU in monthly payments.

Requires the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, an entity of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences of OSU, to further its mission of enhancing Ohio's economic development and job creation by continuing to internally allocate on a competitive basis appropriated funding of programs based on demonstrated performance.

BORCD47 Central State Agricultural Research and Development**Section: 381.440**

Requires that GRF ALIs 235546, Central State Agricultural Research and Development, and 235548, Central State Cooperative Extension Services, be used by CSU for its state match requirement as an 1890 land grant university.

BORCD48 Capital Component**Section: 381.450**

Requires that GRF ALI 235552, Capital Component, be used by the Chancellor to provide funding for prior commitments made pursuant to the state's former capital funding policy for state community colleges and universities under H.B. 748 of the 121st G.A. Requires that the amounts provided from ALI 235552, including required transfers from GRF ALI 235501, State Share of Instruction (see BORCD28), in FY 2026 and FY 2027 cover the remaining obligations of the program, which will cease to exist on June 30, 2027.

Requires that ALI 235552 consist of:

- (1) Distributions to each campus for which the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects is less than the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation under the state's former capital funding policy. Requires that the amount of each campus's payment be determined by subtracting the former amount from the latter and that the campuses use these payments only for capital projects.
 - (2) Transfers from ALI 235501, if necessary and after any adjustments made by the Chancellor, consisting of half of the amounts subtracted from each campus's SSI allocation the amount by which the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects for the remainder of the program exceeds the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation.
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Executive**BORCD49 Library Depositories****Section: 381.460**

Requires that GRF ALI 235555, Library Depositories, be used to support the state's five regional depository libraries for the cost-effective storage of and access to lesser used materials in university library collections. Requires the Chancellor or OhioLINK to administer the depositories.

BORCD50 Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet)**Section: 381.470**

Requires that GRF ALI 235556, Ohio Academic Resources Network, be used to support the operations of OARnet, including support for Ohio's colleges and universities in maintaining and enhancing network connections, using new network technologies to improve programs, and sharing information technology services. Requires, to the extent network capacity is available, that OARnet support allocating bandwidth to eligible programs directly supporting Ohio's economic development.

BORCD51 Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG)**Section: 381.490**

Prescribes the three "sectors" of eligible institutions of higher education as follows: (1) state colleges and universities, community colleges, state community colleges, university branches, and technical colleges; (2) eligible private nonprofit institutions of higher education; and (3) eligible private for-profit career colleges and schools.

Requires OCOG awards for all eligible students with a student aid index (SAI) of 3750 or less be as follows: (1) \$4,000 in each fiscal year per student at a state institution of higher education; (2) \$5,000 in each fiscal year per student at an eligible private nonprofit institution; and (3) \$2,000 in each fiscal year per student at a private for-profit career college.

Authorizes the distribution of awards on an annual basis, once Pell grants have been exhausted, for students attending an eligible institution year-round.

Authorizes the Chancellor in FY 2026 and FY 2027 to do either of the following if the Chancellor determines that the amounts appropriated to support OCOG are inadequate to provide grants to all eligible students:

- (1) Give preference for awards based upon SAI beginning with the lowest SAI category and working upward by category to the highest SAI category.
- (2) Proportionally reduce each award for the academic year, if the amounts appropriated are inadequate to provide grants to all eligible students.

Requires the Chancellor to reduce OCOG awards proportionally among the sectors of institutions in a manner determined by the Chancellor if the Chancellor determines that reductions in award amounts are necessary. Requires the Chancellor to notify the Controlling Board of the distribution method. Requires that any formula be established to coincide with the start of each academic year.

Requires the Chancellor, prior to determining OCOG award amounts, to pay for tuition and fee waivers of students eligible for awards under the Ohio Safety Officer's College Memorial Fund Program, and grants on behalf of eligible students under a program for certain adopted Ohio residents.

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Prohibits the Chancellor from distributing or obligating more than the appropriation amount. Requires the Chancellor to post award tables on ODHE's website and notify students and institutions of any reductions in awards. Prohibits any student from receiving OCOG for more than the equivalent of five academic years, less the number of semesters or quarters in which the student received an Ohio Instructional Grant.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235563, from the GRF to the OCOG Reserve Fund (Fund 5PU0).

Prohibits an institution that enrolls students participating in OCOG from making changes to its scholarship or financial aid programs with the goal or net effect of shifting the cost burden of those programs to OCOG.

Requires each institution to provide at least the same level of needs-based financial aid to its students as in the immediately prior academic year in terms of either aggregate aid or on a per student basis. Permits the Chancellor to grant an institution a temporary waiver from this requirement if exceptional circumstances make it necessary.

BORCD52 The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement**Section: 381.500**

Requires GRF ALI 235569, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement, to be distributed to the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine to provide supplemental support for education, research, and operations.

BORCD53 Federal Research Network**Section: 381.520**

Requires that GRF ALI 235578, Federal Research Network, be distributed to OSU to collaborate with federal installations in Ohio, state and private, nonprofit institutions of higher education, and the private sector to align the state's research assets with emerging missions and job growth opportunities emanating from federal installations, strengthen related workforce development and technology commercialization programs, and better position the state's university system to directly impact new job creation in Ohio.

Requires a portion to be used to support the growth of small business federal contractors in the state and expand the participation of Ohio businesses in the federal Small Business Innovation Research Program and related federal programs.

BORCD54 Educator Preparation Programs**Section: 381.525**

Requires that GRF ALI 235585, Educator Preparation Programs, be used by the Chancellor to implement and administer various reporting and surveying requirements of existing educator preparation programs or other educator preparation programs, such as the Ohio Teacher Apprenticeship Program, as determined by the Chancellor.

Requires, beginning with the first full academic year following the adoption of new standards, each educator preparation program to include in its curriculum standards for social studies that align with the standards adopted by DEW to ensure that educators and other school personnel are adequately prepared and trained in social studies.

Executive

Requires, within six months of the beginning of the first full academic year in which the new standards are used, the Chancellor to complete a review and evaluation process to assess the degree to which every educator preparation program is teaching social studies in alignment with the standards.

BORCD55 Co-Op Internship Program**Section: 381.530**

Requires that GRF ALI 235591, Co-Op Internship Program, be used to support the operations of Ohio University's Voinovich School.

BORCD56 Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program**Section: 381.540**

Requires that GRF ALI 235595, Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program, be used to administer and provide grants and loans under the Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program.

BORCD57 Rural University Program**Section: 381.550**

Requires that GRF ALI 235598, Rural University Program, be used for the Rural University Program, a collaboration of BGSU, KSU, MUN, and OHU, that provides rural communities with economic development, public administration, and public health services.

Requires that each of the four universities receive \$103,000 in each fiscal year to support their respective programs.

BORCD58 National Guard Scholarship Program**Section: 381.560**

Requires that GRF ALI 235599, National Guard Scholarship Program, be disbursed by the Chancellor.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235599, from the GRF to the National Guard Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5BM0).

Authorizes a portion of ALI 235599 to be used to administer the program if both the Chancellor and the Adjutant General agree to it.

BORCD59 FAFSA Support Teams**Section: 381.565**

Requires that GRF ALI 2355A1, FAFSA Support Teams, be used to support the FAFSA support team statewide system.

BORCD60 Campus Community Grant Program**Section: 381.565**

Requires that GRF ALI 2355A3, Campus Community Grant Program, be used to support the Campus Community Grant Program.

Executive**BORCD61 Pledge of fees****Section: 381.570**

Provides that any new pledge or adjustment of fees made in the biennium is effective only after approval by the Chancellor, unless approved in a previous biennium, for any of the following:

- (1) To secure bonds or notes of a state institution of higher education for a project.
- (2) To secure a refund of prior debt that is anticipated to increase the total cost of retiring the original debt.
- (3) To extend the period in which that full debt is retired.

BORCD62 Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service**Section: 381.580**

Requires that GRF ALI 235909, Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service, be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs of higher education general obligation bonds during the biennium.

BORCD63 Sales and Services**Section: 381.590**

Authorizes the Chancellor to charge and accept payment for the provision of goods and services. Requires the charges to be related to the costs of producing goods and services. Prohibits charges for goods or services that are produced as part of the routine responsibilities or duties of the Chancellor. Requires that all revenues received be deposited into Fund 4560, Sales and Services. Allows the Chancellor to use these funds to pay for the costs of producing goods and services.

BORCD64 Higher Education Facility Commission Administration**Section: 381.600**

Requires that Fund 4E80 ALI 235602, Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration, be used for operating expenses related to ODHE's support of the activities of the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission (HEFC).

Authorizes the OBM Director, upon request of the Chancellor, to transfer cash in an amount up to the amount appropriated from ALI 235602 in each fiscal year from the HEFC Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 4610) to the HEFC Administration Fund (Fund 4E80).

BORCD65 Talent Ready Grant Program and GRF cash transfer to Fund 5NH0**Section: 381.630, 512.10**

Requires that Fund 5NH0 ALI 235517, Talent Ready Grant Program, be used by the Chancellor to administer the Talent Ready Grant program to support workforce credential and certificate programs under 30 credit hours at a community college or university regional campus or less than 900 clock hours at an OTC.

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Requires that ALI 235517 do both of the following:

(1) Establish and operate workforce credential and certificate programs under 30 credit hours or less than 900 clock hours, as identified by OWT and the Chancellor. Requires that the Chancellor and OWT, when identifying programs as eligible for funding, review the top jobs list and prioritize programs that are particularly well-aligned with occupations determined to be most in-demand to meet statewide or regional workforce goals. Authorizes an eligible entity to submit a request to the Chancellor to consider adding a program to the list identified as eligible for funding by providing information and justification.

(2) Provide additional support to short-term certificate programs determined to be eligible for funding, as identified by OWT and the Chancellor.

Requires the Chancellor to allocate funds among eligible institutions in approximate proportion to each entity's share of eligible short-term certificate programs, while considering student enrollments, completions, past utilization of short-term certificate funding, and other factors. Requires, for purposes of allocating funds between community colleges, the Chancellor to allocate funding to each campus in proportion to each campus's share of the total sector's course completions for the most recent available year, as reported through the Higher Education Information system (HEI) student enrollment file, weighted by the instructional cost of subsidy models.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer \$20,000,000 cash in FY 2026 from the GRF to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0) to support the program.

BORCD66 Super RAPIDS

Section: 381.635

Reappropriates an amount requested by the Chancellor, up to the available balance of Fund 5AH1 ALI 235688, Super RAPIDS, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and 2027, respectively.

BORCD67 State Financial Aid Reconciliation

Section: 381.640

Requires the Chancellor, on September 1 of each fiscal year or as soon as possible thereafter, to certify to the OBM Director the amount necessary to pay any outstanding prior year obligations to institutions of higher education for the state's student financial aid programs. Appropriates the amounts certified to Fund 5Y50 ALI 235618, State Financial Aid Reconciliation, from revenues received in the State Financial Aid Reconciliation Fund (Fund 5Y50).

BORCD68 Second Chance Grant Program and GRF cash transfer to Fund 5YD0

Section: 381.650, 512.10

Requires that Fund 5YD0 ALI 235494, Second Chance Grant Program, be distributed by the Chancellor to qualifying institutions of higher education and OTCs to provide grants to eligible students under the Second Chance Grant Program.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer up to \$4,000,000 cash in FY 2026 to the Second Chance Grant Program Fund (Fund 5YD0).

Executive**BORCD69 Grow Your Own Teacher Program****Section: 381.655**

Requires that Fund 5ZY0 ALI 235592, Grow Your Own Teacher Program, be used by the Chancellor to implement and administer the Grow Your Own Teacher Program and the Ohio Teacher Apprenticeship Program.

BORCD70 Nursing Loan Program**Section: 381.660**

Requires that Fund 6820 ALI 235606, Nursing Loan Program, be used to administer the nurse education assistance program.

BORCD71 Research Incentive Third Frontier-Tax**Section: 381.670**

Requires that Fund 7014 ALI 235639, Research Incentive Third Frontier-Tax, be used to advance collaborative research at institutions of higher education. Requires a portion of ALI 235639 in each fiscal year be used by the Chancellor to support and promote research that is intended to be commercialized. Requires that research include a condition that the discoveries, inventions, or patents developed are retained by the researcher, unless all or a portion of the interests are specifically granted to the state college or university by the researcher. Authorizes the Chancellor to seek assistance from the Ohio Technology Transfer Officer's Council when reviewing proposals and making awards.

Makes the following permissive earmarks of ALI 235639:

- (1) Up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding improvement of water quality;
- (2) Up to \$750,000 in each fiscal year for spinal cord research;
- (3) Up to \$750,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding cyber security initiatives;
- (4) Up to \$300,000 in each fiscal year for the ICorps@Ohio program; and
- (5) Up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Innovation Exchange Program.

BORCD72 Veterans preferences**Section: 381.680**

Requires the Chancellor to collaborate with ODVS to develop veterans preference guidelines for institutions of higher education.

BORCD73 Higher education institution furloughs**Section: 381.690**

Authorizes the board of trustees of a state institution of higher education to adopt policies that require mandatory furloughs of employees, including faculty, to achieve spending reductions necessitated by institutional budget deficits.

Executive**BORCD74 Efficiency reports****Section: 381.700**

Requires that in each fiscal year the board of trustees of each public institution of higher education approve the institution's efficiency report submitted to the Chancellor.

BORCD75 Ohio Innovation Exchange**Section: 381.710**

Requires the Chancellor to support the continued development of the Ohio Innovation Exchange for the purpose of (1) showcasing the research expertise of Ohio's university and college faculty in engineering, biomedicine, and information technology, and other fields of study and (2) identifying institutional research equipment available in the state.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative responsibilities associated with the continued development and maintenance of this database. The "Ohio Innovation Exchange" is a current initiative developed jointly by Case Western Reserve University, University of Dayton, UAK, Cleveland State, KSU, NEOMED, OU, OSU, UC, and YSU in consultation with ODHE and the Ohio Manufacturing Institute that provides access to faculty profiles and resources.

BORCD76 College Credit Plus Program engagement and model pathways**Section: 381.720**

Permits the Chancellor and DEW Director to take action as necessary to ensure that public colleges and universities and school districts are fully engaging and participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program including publicly displaying program participation data by district and institution.

Requires the Chancellor and DEW Director, to work with public secondary schools and partnering public colleges and universities, as necessary, to encourage the establishment of CCP model pathways that prepare participants to successfully enter the workforce in certain fields.

Requires students enrolled under a statewide innovative waiver pathway to follow a model pathway, with priority given to pathways aligned with engineering technology and other fields essential to the superconductor industry.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in administrative costs for ODHE and DEW.

BORCD78 Credential and Work Experience Consideration**Section: 381.740**

Requires, prior to admitting any students applying for enrollment after July 1, 2025, each state institution of higher education to consider an applicant's work experience and credentials earned as part of its admissions process, even if the experience or credentials do not align with the program or discipline the applicant is seeking to pursue.

Requires, at the time the student is accepted, an institution to either grant credit for prior learning or experience or detail the potential opportunities and necessary documentation to grant such credit based on review of the specific information in the student's application.

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Fiscal effect: A state institution may forgo some revenue if it cannot charge tuition and fees to students that are granted credit for prior learning or work experience.

BORCD79 General Education Requirements**Section: 381.750**

Requires, no later than December 31, 2025, a board of trustees of a state institution of higher education to formally review and evaluate the components of its institution's general education curriculum and adopt a resolution acknowledging the board's completion of that review. Requires each board to submit a copy of its resolution to the Chancellor.

Requires, no later than March 31, 2026, each board to formally evaluate its institution's general education curriculum to enhance content that furthers the state's post-secondary education attainment and workforce goals. Requires each board to adjust the curriculum in the following areas: (1) civics, culture, and society; (2) artificial intelligence, STEM, and computational thinking; (3) entrepreneurship and the principles of innovation; and, (4) workforce readiness.

Requires, no later than June 30, 2026, each board to adopt a resolution summarizing changes to its institution's general education curriculum resulting from its evaluation process and to submit a copy of the resolution to the Chancellor.

Requires the Chancellor to provide a copy of each of the resolutions submitted by institutions to the Governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Fiscal effect: Increase in administrative workload for each state institution of higher education to evaluate its general education requirements.

BORCD80 Ohio Tech Talent Initiative**Section: 381.760**

Establishes the Ohio Tech Talent Initiative to promote, prioritize, and expand engineering technician education for engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries. Authorizes the Chancellor to determine the list of academic programs to be included, with OWT, based on the Classification of Instructional Program (CIP).

Requires, for certain model and statewide innovative waiver pathways, the Chancellor and DEW Director, in conjunction with OWT, to jointly collaborate with public secondary schools and partnering public colleges and universities to establish, promote, and prioritize pathways that prepare participants to successfully enter the workforce in engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor or advanced manufacturing industries.

Requires the Chancellor and DEW Director to also leverage the one-year option credit articulation process for students enrolled in OTCs who complete a 900-hour program of study and obtain an industry-recognized credential.

Authorizes the Chancellor and DEW Director to use funds from the following operating and capital ALIs: (1) GRF ALI 235438, Choose Ohio First; (2) Fund 5NH0 ALI 235517, Ohio Work Ready Grant; (3) GRF ALI 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant; (4) Fund 5YD0 ALI 235494, Second Chance Grant Program; (5) Fund 7034 ALI C23528, Workforce Based Training and Equipment; (6) GRF ALI 195556, TechCred Program; and, (7) other appropriation items as determined by the Chancellor and OWT.

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Authorizes the Chancellor to require state and private institutions of higher education to establish a workforce-education partnership, and to require that each partnership specifically focus on engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries.

Fiscal effect: ODHE may incur additional costs to administer the initiative. Any ALIs used to support the initiative will incur an increase in expenditures should the Chancellor and DEV Director choose to use them.

BORCD81 Direct admissions**Section: 381.770**

Requires the Chancellor and DEW Director to establish a direct admissions pilot program to notify high school students if they meet the admissions requirements of participating postsecondary education institutions.

Requires the Chancellor to endeavor to implement the program so that students graduating in the 2026-2027 school year may participate.

Requires the Chancellor, as part of the program, to do all of the following:

- (1) Establish an automated process that uses a student's academic record in existing student information systems and information held by a student's high school to determine whether the student meets the admissions requirements; and
- (2) Issue a report, at least once each school year, about the pilot program, and submit it to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, DEW Director, OBM Director, OWT, and the Governor.

Authorizes the Chancellor to terminate the pilot program if its operation is determined impracticable.

Permits a participating school governing body to adopt a written policy authorizing its high schools to participate in the pilot program.

Requires a participating school governing body to develop a procedure to determine if students who wish to participate in the pilot program meet any eligibility requirements established by the Chancellor.

Prohibits requiring any student, school, or institution to participate in the pilot program.

Fiscal effect: The program is voluntary for secondary and postsecondary institutions. ODHE's administrative costs will increase to develop and implement the pilot program. However, ODHE may terminate it if its operation is determined impracticable.

Executive**OHSCD5 OHC American Indian Burial Sites****R.C. 149.3010, 149.43, 2909.05, 2927.11**

Requires burial sites used by OHC for the repatriation of American Indian remains to have an easement, enforceable by OHC, to preserve the burial sites.

Exempts records related to such burial sites from disclosure under the Ohio Public Records Act, and excludes them from the 75-year disclosure requirement.

Includes such burial sites in the criminal offenses of desecration and vandalism.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

OHSCD1 Subsidy Appropriation**Section: 297.20**

Requires, upon approval by the OBM director, that appropriations made to the OHC be released in quarterly amounts.

Requires OHC funds and fiscal records be examined by independent certified public accountants approved by the AOS, and a copy of the audited financial statements be filed with OBM.

Requires the appropriations made to OHC be the contractual consideration provided by the state to support the state's offer to contract with OHC.

OHSCD2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites**Section: 297.20**

Requires GRF ALI 360402, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, to pay for operating costs for approved United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage sites in Ohio.

OHSCD3 State Historical Grants**Section: 297.20**

Makes the following earmarks from GRF ALI 360508, State Historical Grants:

(1) \$350,000 in each fiscal year for the Western Reserve Historical Society.

(2) \$350,000 in each fiscal year for the Cincinnati Museum Center.

OHSCD4 Outreach and Partnership**Section: 297.20**

Earmarks \$1,819,085 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 360509, Outreach and Partnership, to be used for students and teachers to access the Ohio as America social studies curriculum in partnership with DEW.

Requires OHC to report the number of students, teachers, and schools using the curriculum to OBM quarterly.

Executive**INSCD2 Health plan issuer payment method and disclosure requirements****R.C. 3901.3815**

Requires a health plan issuer to offer all reasonably available methods of payment to a health care provider, including payment by check and electronic funds transfer.

Prohibits a health plan issuer requiring payment by credit card.

Requires health plan issuers, if any available method has a fee, to notify the provider about the fee and disclose the amount of the fee, including clear instructions for selecting each payment method prior to initiating the first payment to the provider or upon changing the payment methods.

Requires health plan issuers to implement requests to change a payment method within 30 business days. Prohibits health plan issuers from charging a fee for implementing a change to a health care provider's payment method.

Applies the requirements to an entity subject to the insurance laws and rules of this state, or subject to the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Insurance, that contracts, or offers to contract to provide, deliver, arrange for, pay for, or reimburse any of the costs of health care services under a health benefit plan, including a sickness and accident insurance company; a health insuring corporation; a fraternal benefit society; a self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangement; a nonfederal, government health plan; or a third party administrator.

Fiscal effect: None.

INSCD3 Eliminate oath requirement for certain ODI licenses**R.C. 3905.72, 3951.03**

Eliminates the requirement that applications for a managing general agent (MGA) license and a public insurance adjuster certificate of authority be verified under oath.

Fiscal effect: None.

INSCD1 Market conduct examination**Section: 305.20**

Allows the Superintendent of Insurance to assess the costs associated with a market conduct examination of an insurer doing business in this state against the insurer. Allows the Superintendent to enter into consent agreements to impose administrative assessments or fines for conduct discovered that may be violations of insurance laws or rules administered by the Superintendent. Requires all costs, assessments, or fines collected related to such violations to be deposited into the Department of Insurance Operating Fund (Fund 5540).

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JFSCD34 Community Services Block Grant

R.C. 122.66, 122.67, 122.68, 122.681, 122.69, 122.70, 122.701, 122.702, 5101.311, 5101.312, 5101.313, 5101.314, 5101.315, 5101.316, 5101.317, 5101.318, 121.22, 122.1710, 307.985, 2915.01, 3701.033, 5101.101; Section 525.20

Transfers the duties and powers to administer Community Service Block Grant funds from DEV to ODJFS.

Requires the General Assembly to conduct public hearings on Community Services Block Grant funds as required by federal law.

Requires that any business beginning before, but not completed by, July 1, 2027 within DEV that will be transferred with these programs must be completed in the same manner in ODJFS.

Requires that by July 1, 2026, the DEV and ODJFS directors must develop a plan to implement the transfer of the programs' duties and function, and the directors must enter a memorandum of understanding concerning the transfer.

Permits DEV and ODJFS to jointly or separately enter into contracts with public or private entities for staff training and development to facilitate the transfer.

Requires that all employees associated with these programs are transferred from DEV to ODJFS with the same positions and benefits by July 1, 2027.

Permits ODJFS to establish, change, and abolish positions, as well as to assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote all employees not subject to collective bargaining. Permits ODJFS (or DEV, in the case of an employee transferred outside of ODJFS) to assign or reassign an exempt employee to a bargaining unit classification. Excludes the transfer of programs and employees under this section and the reassignment of certain functions and duties from appropriate subjects of collective bargaining.

Permits ODJFS, with approval of OBM, to establish a retirement incentive plan for transferred employees.

Requires all rules, orders, and determinations made or undertaken by the transferred programs to continue in effect until ODJFS modifies or rescinds them.

Requires OBM to make budget and accounting changes to implement the transfer. Permits OBM to cancel or establish encumbrances or parts of encumbrances. Permits OBM to transfer appropriations between ODJFS and DEV.

Fiscal effect: The budget appropriates \$32.0 million in new Fund 3L00 ALI 6006B8, Community Service Block Grant, in 2027, under ODJFS.

JFSCD20 Ohio Lead Advisory Council

R.C. 3742.32

Removes the representative of the Bureau of Child Care from the Ohio Lead Advisory Council.

Fiscal effect: None.

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JFSCD26 WARN Act**R.C. 4113.31**

States that Ohio employers are subject to the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act, which requires, unless an exception applies, certain employers to provide written notice 60 days before commencing a plant closing or mass layoff as those terms are defined in the WARN Act.

Allows the Director of Job and Family Services to issue guidance and procedures to Ohio employers for the submission and review of notices provided under the WARN Act.

Fiscal effect: This is codifying a federal requirement so should have no impact. However, ODJFS may realize costs if they do not currently issue guidance and procedures relating to the WARN Act and they choose to do so.

JFSCD18 Employer definition - Unemployment Compensation Law**R.C. 4141.01, 4141.011, 4141.02**

Expands the definition of employer for purposes of the Unemployment Compensation Law to include any state, its instrumentalities, and its political subdivisions and their instrumentalities (rather than Ohio, its instrumentalities, and its political subdivisions and their instrumentalities as under current law).

Reorganizes the definition of "employer" for purposes of the Unemployment Compensation Law.

Eliminates outdated provisions.

Fiscal effect: There could be minimal administrative costs to collect benefits or reimbursements.

JFSCD27 Technology and customer service fee**R.C. 4141.11, 4141.44; Section 515.30**

Requires the ODJFS Director to collect a technology and customer service fee of no more than 0.15% of wages paid per covered employee from each contributory employer at the same time and in the same manner as employer contributions are collected under continuing law.

Requires the ODJFS Director to collect a technology and customer service fee of no more than \$13.50 whenever a nonprofit organization, or group of such organizations, that has elected to reimburse the unemployment system files or renews a surety bond required under continuing law.

Requires technology and customer service fees to be deposited into the Unemployment Compensation Special Administrative Fund (Fund 4A90).

Fiscal effect: Increase in revenues deposited into Fund 4A90. In FY 2026, the OBM Director is permitted to transfer up to \$15.0 million from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to Fund 4A90. Before the end of FY 2027, the OBM Director, at the request of the ODJFS Director, is required to transfer cash in an equal amount from Fund 4A90 to Fund 5MK0 to pay back the deposit (see JFSCD28). These transferred funds will help pay for initial costs before revenues are received.

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JFSCD22 Income and eligibility verification system**R.C. 4141.162**

Requires the ODJFS Director to provide information from the income and eligibility verification system (IEVS) to any participating agency that has entered a written data sharing agreement that meets standards in federal law.

Eliminates a requirement that the Director adopt rules implementing the IEVS.

Fiscal effect: None.**JFSCD17 Interest on late unemployment employer contributions****R.C. 4141.23**

Changes the annual interest rate for late unemployment employer contributions from 14% to the rounded federal short-term rate, not to exceed 15%, beginning January 1, 2026.

Fiscal effect: Potential impact on revenues deposited into Fund 4A90, depending on the federal short-term rate.**JFSCD15 Employer response to request for information****R.C. 4141.28**

Reduces the time in which an employer must provide information requested by the ODJFS Director for the determination of the individual's right to unemployment benefits from ten working days after the request is sent to ten calendar days after the request is sent.

Fiscal effect: None.**JFSCD25 Unemployment Compensation Review Commission hearings****R.C. 4141.281**

Allows an Unemployment Compensation Review Commission hearing officer to conduct a hearing by interactive video conference.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.**JFSCD23 Unemployment compensation - temporary employees****R.C. 4141.29, Sections 801.10 and 830.10**

Requires that, for an initial unemployment benefits claim filed on or after the provision's effective date, an individual is considered to have quit work without just cause, thus disqualifying the individual from serving a waiting period or receiving unemployment benefits for the duration of the individual's unemployment (instead of just for any week as under current law), if all of the following apply:

- (1) The individual is provided temporary work assignments by the individual's employer under agreed terms and conditions of employment;
- (2) The individual is required pursuant to those terms and conditions to inquire with the individual's employer for available work assignments upon the conclusion of each work assignment;

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(3) Suitable work assignments are available with the employer, but the individual fails to contact the employer to inquire about work assignments.

Fiscal effect: Potential reduction in the amount of unemployment benefits paid from the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

JFSCD19 Seasonal employment

R.C. 4141.33

Requires the ODJFS Director to determine whether employment is seasonal based on the application for a determination filed by the employer and any other information available, rather than performing an investigation, providing notice, and holding a hearing as currently required.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal administrative savings.

JFSCD16 Deadline for submitting unemployment compensation reports

R.C. 4141.56, 4141.60

Establishes August 1 as the deadline by which the ODJFS Director annually must submit to the Governor and General Assembly specified reports regarding unemployment compensation that are required under current law.

Eliminates the Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council, which has been abolished, as a required recipient of one of those reports.

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD24 Unemployment Compensation Review Commission

R.C. 4507.53

Allows ODPS' digitalized photographic records to be released to the Unemployment Compensation Review Commission.

Fiscal effect: None, ODPS currently releases these records as necessary to ODJFS to carry out unemployment compensation duties. This would allow ODPS to release them to the Commission.

JFSCD32 Electric Partnership Plan Fund

R.C. 4928.51, 4928.66, 5117.07

Replaces the Universal Service Fund with the Electric Partnership Plan (EPP) Fund to provide funding for the low-income customer assistance and consumer education programs.

Requires the EPP fund to consist of (1) amounts allocated to each electric distribution utility (EDU) for consumer education programs and (2) any amount necessary to fund administrative costs of the low-income customer assistance programs.

Fiscal effect: The budget appropriates \$176.2 million in new Fund 5M40 ALI 6006B2 Low Income Energy Assistance, in FY 2027, under ODJFS.

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JFSCD31 Low-income customer assistance program administration**R.C. 4928.53, 4928.55, 4928.56, 4928.75, 4928.43; Section 525.20**

Transfers administration of the low-income customer assistance programs and the consumer education program beginning on July 1, 2026, and the energy efficiency and weatherization program from the DEV Director to the ODJFS Director.

Requires the ODJFS Director to submit a federal waiver request to expend 25% of federal low-income Home Energy Assistance Programs funds from the Home Energy Assistance Block Grants for weatherization services.

Requires that any business beginning before, but not completed by, July 1, 2027 within DEV that will be transferred with these programs must be completed in the same manner by ODJFS.

Requires that by July 1, 2026, the DEV and ODJFS directors must develop a plan to implement the transfer of the programs' duties and function, and the directors must enter a memorandum of understanding concerning the transfer.

Permits DEV and ODJFS to jointly or separately enter into contracts with public or private entities for staff training and development to facilitate the transfer.

Requires that all employees associated with these programs are transferred from DEV to ODJFS with the same positions and benefits by July 1, 2027.

Permits ODJFS to establish, change, and abolish positions, as well as to assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote all employees not subject to collective bargaining. Permits ODJFS (or DEV, in the case of an employee transferred outside of ODJFS) to assign or reassign an exempt employee to a bargaining unit classification. Excludes the transfer of programs and employees under this section and the reassignment of certain functions and duties from appropriate subjects of collective bargaining.

Permits ODJFS, with approval of OBM, to establish a retirement incentive plan for transferred employees.

Requires all rules, orders, and determinations made or undertaken by the transferred programs to continue in effect until ODJFS modifies or rescinds them.

Requires OBM to make budget and accounting changes to implement the transfer. Permits OBM to cancel or establish encumbrances or parts of encumbrances. Permits OBM to transfer appropriations between ODJFS and DEV.

Fiscal effect: The budget establishes the following FY 2027 appropriations under ODJFS to support this transfer: \$180.0 million to Fund 3K90 ALI 6006B3, Home Energy Assistance Block Grant; \$45.0 million to Fund 3F10 ALI 6006B2, Home Weatherization Program; and \$44.0 million to Fund 3K90 ALI 6006B7, HEAP Weatherization (see also JFSCD32).

JFSCD33 Public Advisory Board**R.C. 4928.58, 4928.63, 4928.62**

Adds the ODJFS Director to the Public Advisory Board (replacing the DEV Director) and requires the Board to advise the ODJFS Director. Limits the Board's duties to advising the ODJFS Director regarding the low-income customer assistance programs.

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Repeals the Board duty to give advice regarding the Universal Service Fund and Rider and the Advanced Energy Program and Advanced Energy Fund. Eliminates reimbursements to Board members for expenses incurred for the Advanced Energy Program.

Repeals Board powers and duties regarding economic development and stability, energy, and pollution matters in Ohio.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

JFSCD10 Adult Protective Services

R.C. 5101.612, Section 307.110

Requires ODJFS to allocate funds for counties' Adult Protective Services costs according to a specified funding formula based on previous allocations, the percentage of older adults in the county, and the percentage of county residents in poverty.

Allows the ODJFS Director to adopt rules on the allocation of funds and expenditure reports.

Requires a total of \$7,040,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 600534, Adult Protective Services, be used to provide an initial allocation of \$80,000 to each county.

Requires the remainder of the ALI be provided to counties based on a formula established by ODJFS.

JFSCD21 Youth and Family Ombudsmen Office name, record access

R.C. 5101.891, 5101.892-5101.895, 5101.897, 5101.899

Changes the name of the Youth and Family Ombudsman Office to the Youth and Family Ombudsmen Office.

Allows the Ombudsmen Office to access records of DCY, in addition to the records of ODJFS as in continuing law.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

JFSCD1 County Administrative Funds

Section: 307.20

Permits GRF ALI 600521, Family Assistance - Local, to be provided to CDJFSs to administer food assistance and disability assistance programs.

Requires an additional \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 600521 to be provided to assist CDJFSs that submit an approved plan on increasing fraud prevention, early detection of fraud, and investigations on potential fraud that may be occurring in public assistance programs.

Requires GRF ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, to be used by CDJFSs to administer the Medicaid Program and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Allows the ODJFS Director to request the OBM Director to transfer appropriations between (1) GRF ALI 600521, Family Assistance - Local and GRF ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, and (2) GRF ALI 655523, Medicaid Program Support - Local Transportation and GRF ALI 655522.

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JFSCD2 Name of Food Stamp Program**Section: 307.30**

States that the ODJFS Director is not required to amend rules regarding the Food Stamp Program to change the name to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Allows the ODJFS Director to refer to the program as the Food Stamp Program, SNAP, or the Food Assistance Program in ODJFS's rules and documents.

JFSCD3 Ohio Association of Food Banks**Section: 307.40**

Earmarks a total of up to \$22,050,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Association of Food Banks from GRF ALI 600410, TANF State Maintenance of Effort, Fund 4A80 ALI 600658, Public Assistance Activities, and Fund 3V60 ALI 600689, TANF Block Grant.

Requires the earmark be used to purchase and distribute food products, support Innovative Summer Meals programs for children, provide SNAP outreach and free tax filling services, and provide capacity building equipment for food pantries and soup kitchens.

Requires the ODJFS Director to provide funds for the Ohio Association of Food Banks in an amount not less than \$24,550,000 in each fiscal year. States that this amount includes the \$22,050,000 in each fiscal year specified above.

Requires ODJFS to count eligible nonfederal expenditures made by member food banks of the Ohio Association of Food Banks toward TANF maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements.

Requires the ODJFS Director to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Association of Food Banks to carry out the requirements under this section.

JFSCD4 Ohio Association of Foodbanks Subgrant**Section: 307.50**

Requires ODJFS to enter into a subgrant agreement with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to enable the Association to provide food distribution to low-income families and individuals, support transportation of meals for the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Innovative Summer Meals programs for children, and provide capacity building equipment to food pantries and soup kitchens.

Requires the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to do the following:

- (1) Purchase food for the Agriculture Clearance and Ohio Food Programs.
- (2) Support the Capacity Building Grant Program and purchase equipment for partner agencies that is needed to increase their capacity to serve more families eligible under the TANF program.
- (3) Submit a quarterly report to ODJFS not later than 60 days after the close of the quarter to which the report pertains.
- (4) Submit an annual report, with specified information, to the Agreement Manager at ODJFS not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year.

Executive**JFSCD5 Food Stamps Transfer****Section: 307.60**

Permits the OBM Director, upon request of the ODJFS Director, to transfer up to \$1,000,000 cash from the Food Stamp Offset Fund (Fund 5B60) to the Food Assistance Fund (Fund 5ES0) on July 1, 2025.

JFSCD6 Public Assistance Activities/TANF MOE**Section: 307.70**

Requires that Fund 4A80 ALI 600658, Public Assistance Activities, be used by ODJFS to meet the TANF MOE requirements.

Permits, once the state is assured that it will meet the MOE requirement, ODJFS to use the ALI to support public assistance activities.

JFSCD7 TANF Block Grant**Section: 307.80**

Earmarks up to \$13,535,000 in each fiscal year in total from Fund 3V60 ALI 600689, TANF Block Grant, and GRF ALI 600410, TANF State Maintenance of Effort, to support programs or organizations that provide services that align with the mission and goals of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Earmarks \$12,500,000 in each fiscal year in total from Fund 3V60 ALI 600689, TANF Block Grant, and GRF ALI 600410, TANF State Maintenance of Effort, for the Ohio Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs. Requires \$150,000 in each fiscal year of this allocation be provided to the Boys and Girls Club of Massillon.

Makes the following earmarks in Fund 3V60 ALI 600689, TANF Block Grant:

- (1) \$3,750,000 in each fiscal year for the Children's Hunger Alliance.
 - (2) Up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Community Action Training Organization.
 - (3) Up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Siemer Institute.
 - (4) Up to \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year to the Ohio Council of YWCAs.
 - (5) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio.
 - (6) \$250,000 in each fiscal year for the Toledo Seagate Foodbank.
 - (7) \$250,000 in each fiscal year for the Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services.
 - (8) \$200,000 in each fiscal year for Marriage Works! Ohio in Dayton.
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Executive**JFSCD8 Program Operations****Section: 307.90**

Earmarks \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 600450, Program Operations, for the GRIT Program administered by ODJFS, in coordination with DEV and the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Requires the program to expand the qualified worker pipeline, remove barriers to fill local and remote jobs, and promote entrepreneurial endeavors in certain Appalachian regions. Requires funds to be used for specified activities, including establishing virtual workforce development centers and supportive resources, career development and training activities, and operating costs.

JFSCD9 Child, Family, and Community Protection Services**Section: 307.100**

Requires GRF ALI 600533, Child, Family, and Community Protection Services, be distributed to CDJFSs.

Requires CDJFSs use the funds for specified purposes in accordance with the written plan of cooperation entered into between a county board of commissioners, a CDJFS, and a county workforce development agency to enhance administration of the Ohio Works First Program, the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Program, and other family services and workforce development activities.

JFSCD11 Fiduciary and Holding Account Fund Groups**Section: 307.120**

Requires that the Fiduciary Fund Group and Holding Account Fund Group be used to hold revenues until the appropriate fund is determined or until the revenues are directed to the appropriate governmental agency other than ODJFS. Requires that any ODJFS' refunds or reconciliations received or held by ODM be transferred or credited to the Refunds and Audit Settlement Fund (Fund R012).

Permits the ODJFS Director to request the OBM Director to authorize expenditures from the Support Intercept - Federal Fund (Fund 1920), the Support Intercept - State Fund (Fund 5830), the Food Stamp Offset Fund (Fund 5B60), or the Refunds and Audit Settlements Fund (Fund R012), if receipts credited to these funds exceed appropriations. Appropriates the additional amounts upon approval of the OBM Director.

JFSCD12 HEAP Weatherization**Section: 307.130**

Allows up to 25% of the federal funds credited to the Home Energy Assistance Block Grant Fund (Fund 3K90) to be spent from ALI 6006B7, HEAP Weatherization, to be used to provide home weatherization services as determined by ODJFS.

Executive

JFSCD13 Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Fund

Section: 307.140

Creates the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Fund in the custody of TOS, but states that the fund is not part of the state treasury. Requires (1) the fund to consist of money awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Summer Electronic Benefits for Children Program and (2) money in the fund be used to pay eligible charges incurred by children and families eligible for, and participating in, the program.

Requires the ODJFS Director to submit information regarding the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program to certain individuals on or before August 1 of each fiscal year.

JFSCD14 Work Requirements

Section: 307.150

Allows ODJFS to refer OWF and SNAP participants claiming a mental or physical illness or impairment to OOD for vocational rehabilitation assessment and support.

Requires participants to continue with these services unless determined by OOD to be unable to work or meet minimum work requirements. Requires benefits be terminated for participants who (1) do not participate in these services and are not determined unable to work by OOD and (2) do not meet work requirements.

JFSCD28 Temporary transfer to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administrative Fund

Section: 515.30

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.

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.

JFSCD30 Ohio Benefits Program

Section: 525.10

Requires the DAS Director and the ODJFS Director to develop an organization plan and to enter into a memorandum of understanding to transfer the administration of the Ohio Benefits Program from DAS to ODJFS by July 1, 2026. Authorizes the DAS Director to transfer the program's administration to the ODJFS Director by July 1, 2027. Requires that any business commenced, but not completed before the transfer, be completed by the ODJFS Director in the same manner as if completed by the DAS Director.

Defines the Ohio Benefits Program as the integrated enterprise solution administered by DAS that assists individuals in verifying eligibility and applying for benefits offered through various programs administered by JFS and ODM.

Executive

Allows ODJFS, with regard to DAS employees whose primary duties include administering the program, to: (1) establish, change, or abolish positions within ODJFS; (2) assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote employees of ODJFS not subject to collective bargaining; and (3) assign or reassign an exempt employee to an appropriate bargaining unit.

Allows the ODJFS Director to establish a retirement incentive plan for transferred employees that is to remain in effect until December 31, 2027.

Authorizes the OBM Director to make any necessary budget and accounting changes to implement the program's transfer. Allows the OBM Director to also cancel or establish encumbrances and transfer appropriations between impacted agencies as necessary. Allows the OBM Director to transfer appropriations between ODJFS and DAS if necessary for continued efficient administration of the program. Appropriates any encumbrances or transferred appropriations.

Executive

JCRCD1 Operating guidance

Section: 309.20

Requires LSC to act as fiscal agent for JCARR, and requires that committee members be paid in accordance with the law that creates the Committee.

JCRCD2 Operating Expenses

Section: 309.20

Reappropriates the certified and available balance of GRF ALI 029321, Operating Expenses, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively, for the same purpose.

Executive

JMOCD1 Operating Expenses

Section: 313.20

Requires GRF ALI 048321, Operating Expenses, to be used to support expenses related to the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC).

Reappropriates the amount requested by JMOC, up to the available balance of GRF ALI 048321, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively.

Executive

JSCCD12 Sealing juvenile court records**R.C. 2151.356**

Requires a juvenile court to find that the interests of the juvenile in having the records sealed are not outweighed by any legitimate needs of the public to access those records before the juvenile court may seal the records.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

JSCCD13 Sealing and expungement**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.

Fiscal effect: None.

JSCCD1 State Criminal Sentencing Commission**Section: 317.20**

Requires GRF ALI 005401, State Criminal Sentencing Commission, to be used for the operation of the State Criminal Sentencing Commission.

JSCCD2 Law-Related Education**Section: 317.20**

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.

JSCCD3 Ohio Courts Technology Initiative**Section: 317.20**

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.
 - (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.
 - (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.
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Executive**JSCCD4 Attorney Services****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.

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.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Prohibits the OBM Director or CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 4C80 to any other fund.

Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 4C80 to be credited to the fund.

JSCCD5 Court Interpreter Certification**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.

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.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5HT0 to any other fund.

Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5HT0 to be credited to the fund.

JSCCD6 Civil Justice Grant Program**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.

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.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5SP0 to any other fund.

Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5SP0 to be credited to the fund.

Executive**JSCCD7 Grants and Awards****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.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5T80 to any other fund.

Requires any interest earned on money in the fund to be transferred or credited to the GRF.

JSCCD8 Judiciary/Supreme Court Education**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.

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.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 6720 to any other fund.

Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 6720 to be credited to the fund.

JSCCD9 County Law Library Resources Boards**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.

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.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5JY0 to any other fund.

Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5JY0 to be credited to the fund.

Executive**JSCCD10 Federal Grants****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.

Requires that Fund 3J00 ALI 005603, Federal Grants, be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the grant or award.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 3J00 to any other fund.

Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 3J00 to be credited or transferred to the GRF.

Executive**LECCD1 Cash Transfers to the Lake Erie Protection Fund****Section: 319.20**

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 DOH.
- (d) Program Support Fund (Fund 1570) used by DNR.
- (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.

Executive

JLECD1 **Legislative Ethics Committee**

Section: **321.20**

Reappropriates the certified available balance of GRF ALI 028321, Legislative Ethics Committee, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively.

Executive**LSCCD1 Operating Expenses****Section: 323.20**

Reappropriates an amount requested by LSC, up to the available balance of GRF ALI 035321, Operating Expenses, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and 2027, respectively.

LSCCD2 Correctional Institution Inspection Committee**Section: 323.20**

Reappropriates an amount requested by LSC, up to the available balance of GRF ALI 035405, Correctional Institution Inspection Committee, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively.

LSCCD3 Legislative Task Force on Redistricting**Section: 323.20**

Reappropriates an amount equal to the available balance of GRF ALI 035407, Legislative Task Force on Redistricting, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 for the same purpose in FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively.

LSCCD4 Legislative Information Systems**Section: 323.20**

Reappropriates an amount requested by LSC, up to the available balance of GRF ALI 035410, Legislative Information Systems, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively.

LSCCD5 Litigation**Section: 323.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 035501, Litigation, be used for any lawsuit in which the General Assembly, or either house of the General Assembly, is made a party.

Requires the LSC Chairperson and Vice-chairperson to both approve the use of funds from ALI 035501.

Reappropriates an amount equal to the available balance of ALI 035501 at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 for the same purpose in FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively.

Executive

LIBCD1 Ohioana Library Association**Section: 325.20**

Earmarks \$191,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 350401, Ohioana Library Association, for the operating expenses of the Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library Association.

Requires the remainder of the line item to be used to pay the rental expenses of the Ohioana Library Association.

LIBCD2 Regional Library Systems**Section: 325.20**

Requires GRF ALI 350502, Regional Library Systems, to be used to support regional library systems.

LIBCD3 Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN)**Section: 325.20**

Requires Fund 4S40 ALI 350604, Ohio Public Library Information Network, to be used for an information telecommunications network linking public libraries and any others participating in OPLIN. Permits the OPLIN Board of Trustees to make decisions regarding use of the funds.

Requires the OPLIN Board to research and assist or advise local libraries on emerging technologies and methods that may be effective means to control access to obscene and illegal materials. Requires the OPLIN Director to provide reports on such efforts within ten days on request by the Governor and leadership of the General Assembly.

Requires OPLIN, INFOhio, and OhioLINK to coordinate with each other in and contribute funds in an equitable manner to the purchase of electronic databases for their respective users.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer \$3,689,788 cash in each fiscal year from the Public Library Fund (Fund 7065) to the OPLIN Technology Fund (Fund 4S40).

LIBCD4 Library for the Blind**Section: 325.20**

Requires Fund 5GB0 ALI 350605, Library for the Blind, to be used for the statewide Talking Book Program to assist the blind and disabled.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer \$1,274,194 cash in each fiscal year from the Public Library Fund (Fund 7065) to the Library for the Blind Fund (Fund 5GB0).

Executive

LOTCD3 Withholding from gambling winnings

R.C. 718.031, 3121.441, 3123.89-3123.90, 3770.071-3770.075, 3770.10, 3770.25, 3775.16, 5747.062-5747.064, Section 801.120

Changes, beginning on January 1, 2026, who is responsible for withholding certain required amounts from gambling winnings before paying the winner as follows:

- (1) LOT is responsible instead of the sports gaming proprietor for lottery sports gaming conducted on a terminal that also offers other lottery games;
- (2) The sports gaming proprietor or LOT, as applicable, is responsible instead of the video lottery sales agent for lottery sports gaming conducted in a racino.
- (3) Clarifies that the video lottery sales agent who operates a racino is responsible instead of LOT for video lottery terminal (VLT) gaming.

Fiscal effect: May create administrative efficiencies.

LOTCD1 Transfer of lottery prize annuities

R.C. 3770.072, 3770.10, 3770.12-3770.13

Modifies the procedures by which a lottery prize winner who is to be paid in installments via an annuity may transfer the prize winner's future installments to a third party (the transferee) in exchange for a lump sum or other consideration.

Allows the prize winner to conduct only one such transfer with respect to any single prize award and requires the transfer to be for the full remaining amount of the prize, unless LOT's rules permit additional transfers.

Prohibits the transferee from then transferring the right to receive future installments to another party.

Requires signed documentation that the prize winner complied with current law by receiving independent professional advice regarding the transfer from a licensed professional adviser. Adds a certified financial planner as a licensed professional adviser who may provide that service.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

LOTCD2 Operating Expenses

Section: 329.20

Authorizes CEB, upon request, to approve additional expenditures for LOT operating expenses, up to a maximum of 10% of anticipated total revenue from the sale of lottery products. Appropriates additional expenditures approved by CEB.

LOTCD4 Direct Prize Payments

Section: 329.20

Appropriates any additional amounts needed to Fund 7044 ALI 950601, Direct Prize Payments, to fund prizes, bonuses, and commissions.

Executive

LOTCD5 Responsible Gambling

Section: 329.20

Authorizes the LOT director, if revenue exceeds the amount appropriated for ALI 950605, Responsible Gambling, to certify that excess amount to the OBM Director, and authorizes the OBM Director to transfer up to that amount to the Responsible Gambling Services Fund (Fund 5T90). Appropriates the additional amounts approved by the OBM Director.

LOTCD6 Annuity Prizes

Section: 329.20

Authorizes the OBM Director to transfer an amount sufficient to fund deferred prizes from the State Lottery Fund (Fund 7044) to the Deferred Prizes Trust Fund (Fund 8710). Requires TOS to credit Fund 8710 the pro rata share of interest earned on invested balances. Appropriates any additional amounts needed to Fund 7044 ALI 950602, Annuity Prizes, to fund deferred prizes and interest earnings.

LOTCD7 Transfers to the Lottery Profits Education Fund

Section: 329.20

Declares the estimated revenues available for transfer from the State Lottery Fund (Fund 7044) to the Lottery Profits Education Fund (Fund 7017) to be \$1,462,000,000 in FY 2026 and \$1,467,000,000 in FY 2027. Requires that the transfers be administered as the law directs.

Executive**Nursing Facilities****MCDCD1 Waiver of ineligibility period for nursing facility services****R.C. 5163.30**

Permits, rather than requires, ODM to grant a waiver to a resident of a nursing facility who is ineligible to receive nursing facility services due to the individual or individual's spouse disposing of assets for less than fair market value, if the administrator of the nursing facility has notified the individual of a proposed transfer or discharge from the facility due to failure to pay for services and the transfer or discharge has been upheld by a final determination.

Fiscal effect: Potential decrease in nursing facility costs.

MCDCD9 Case-mix score grouper methodology for nursing facilities**R.C. 5165.192**

When determining a case-mix value for a nursing facility, requires ODM to use the grouper methodology used on October 1, 2019, for the patient driven payment model nursing index, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for prospective payments of skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare program, instead of the grouper methodology used on June 30, 1999.

Eliminates ODM's authority to adopt rules concerning case-mix scores that do the following:

Adjust case-mix values to reflect changes in relative wage differentials that are specific to Ohio.

Express case-mix values in numeric terms that are different from the terms specified by HHS but do not alter the relationship of case-mix values to one another.

Modify the grouper methodology by either (1) establishing a different hierarchy for assigning residents to case-mix categories under the methodology or (2) allowing the use of the index maximizer element of the methodology.

Fiscal effect: Depending on the case-mix scores nursing facilities possess, may lead to cost increases for ODM if adhering to the new methodologies increases nursing facility reimbursements.

MCDCD10 Nursing facility quality incentive payment**R.C. 5165.26**

Eliminates provisions of law that specify that if a nursing facility undergoes a change of owner with an effective date of July 1, 2023, or later, the facility is ineligible to receive a Medicaid quality incentive payment until the earlier of the Jan 1 or the July 1 that is at least six months after the effective date of the change of owner, if within one year after the change of owner, there is an increase in the lease payments or other financial obligations of the operator to the owner above the payments or obligations specified by the agreement between the previous owner and the operator.

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Specifies that if a nursing facility undergoes a change of operator with an effective date of July 1, 2025 (changed from July 1, 2023) or later, the facility is not eligible to receive a quality incentive payment until the earlier of Jan 1 or July 1 that is at least six months after the effective date of the change of operator.

Fiscal effect: By removing a limitation that delayed payment for some owners, ODM might experience a cost increase in quality incentive payments to nursing facilities meeting the specified conditions.

MCDLCD36 Gradual implementation of PDPM to calculate nursing facility direct care rates**Section: 333.280**

Provides for a gradual implementation of the PDPM nursing facility rate. Specifies that the rate will increase or decrease by one third on January 1, 2026, and by two thirds at the beginning of FY 2027, before being determined by its case mix scores set in statute going forward.

Fiscal effect: As the implementation of the PDPM is made gradual, ODM will have cost increases or decreases gradually scaled in through the end of FY 2027.

Provider Payment Rates**MCDLCD26 Medicaid payment rates for community behavioral health services****Section: 333.170**

Permits ODM to establish Medicaid payment rates for community behavioral health services provided during FY 2026 and FY 2027 that exceed authorized rates paid for the services under the Medicare Program.

Specifies that this provision does not apply to community behavioral health services provided by hospitals, nursing facilities, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Fiscal effect: Any impact will depend on whether ODM chooses to pay these amounts. If ODM chooses to pay higher amounts, this would lead to cost increases.

Medicaid Providers**MCDLCD8 340B grantees****R.C. 5167.01, 5167.123, 3902.70, and 4729.49**

Regarding the interaction between Medicaid MCOs, third-party administrators, and 340B covered entities, removes certain hospitals from the list of entities included as a 340B covered entity for purposes of these interactions and instead refers to these entities as 340B grantees.

Executive

Modifies a prohibition against a contract between a Medicaid MCO, third-party administrator, and 340B grantee to prohibit including a payment rate for a prescribed drug provided by a 340B grantee that is less than the payment rate for health care providers that are not 340B grantees (instead of a payment rate for a prescribed drug that is less than the national average drug acquisition cost for the drug or wholesale acquisition cost for the drug).

Requires a Medicaid MCO or third-party administrator to provide a payment rate for all prescribed drugs obtained through the federal 340B drug pricing program by providers that are not 340B grantees that is equal to the payment rate for those drugs under the Medicaid state plan.

Specifies that payments made under payment rates specified in a contract between Medicaid MCOs, third-party administrators, and a 340B grantee are subject to audit by ODM.

Fiscal effect: The program changes would be expected to increase drug rebate revenues by approximately \$95.2 million, which if spent on Medicaid services, will draw accompanying federal match.

MCDCD34 Increasing children's access to vision and dental services

Section: 333.260

Permits the OBM Director, upon the request of the ODM Director, to transfer up to \$7,000,000 appropriation in each fiscal year from appropriation item 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, to appropriation items in the DOH.

Requires this appropriation be used to support public health programs or the provision of certain services, including preventive care and other interventions, to improve the health of low-income children.

Earmarks up to \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year to increase children's access to vision care and up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to increase children's access to dental care.

Permits ODM to transfer federal reimbursement for these expenditures and appropriates the transferred amounts.

Special Programs**MCDCD11 Medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities program premiums**

R.C. 5162.133, 5163.091, 5163.093, 5163.094, 5163.098

Eliminates the requirement that individuals whose income exceeds 150% FPL pay an annual premium as a condition of qualifying for the Medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities program.

Fiscal effect: ODM will no longer realize revenues from the premiums that used to be paid by individuals with incomes sufficiently above the FPL.

MCDCD7 Requirements for certain Medicaid state directed payment programs

R.C. 5162.25

Establishes conditions that must be satisfied upon the creation of a Medicaid state directed payment program that is funded in a manner other than by ODM or the hospital franchise fee program.

Executive

Requires a state directed payment program to comply with federal regulations for such programs.

Generally limits state directed payment programs that are not funded by ODM or the hospital franchise fee program to those established for hospital providers and services or professional services provided by hospitals, and to one state directed payment program per identified provider class, unless otherwise determined by the ODM Director.

Specifies that the ODM Director is not required to establish a state directed payment program if there is no available or sufficient federal or local funding to sustain the program.

Fiscal effect: The non-federal share of such a program will be funded by specific assessments rather than the GRF.

MCD21 Health Insuring Corporation Class Franchise Fee**Section: 333.120**

Permits the OBM Director, at the request of the ODM Director, to authorize expenditures from the Health Insuring Corporation Class Franchise Fee Fund (Fund 5TN0) in excess of the amounts appropriated if receipts credited to the fund exceed appropriations. Requires the OBM Director to adjust the federal ALI identified by the ODM Director if additional amounts are authorized. Appropriates any authorized amounts and corresponding federal adjustments.

MCD22 Hospital Care Assurance Match**Section: 333.130**

Permits the OBM Director, at the request of the ODM Director, to authorize additional expenditures from the Health Care Federal Fund (Fund 3F00) if receipts credited to the fund exceed the amounts appropriated for making the HCAP distribution. Appropriates any authorized amounts.

Requires that DPF Fund 6510 ALI 651649, Medicaid Services – Health Care Assurance Program, be used by ODM for distributing the state share of all HCAP funds to hospitals. Permits the OBM Director, at the request of the ODM Director, to authorize additional expenditures from the Hospital Care Assurance Program Fund (Fund 6510) if receipts credited to the fund exceed the amounts appropriated for the HCAP distributions. Appropriates any authorized amounts.

MCD23 Hospital Additional Payments Program**Section: 333.140**

Establishes the Hospital Additional Payments Program for inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided to enrollees in the Medicaid care management system at in-state hospitals.

Permits the non-federal share of services under this program to be funded through the Hospital Franchise Fee, and requires fees for this program to be deposited into the Medicaid Hospital Fund (Fund 5GF0).

Requires that the state share of this program come from deposits attributable to the incremental franchise fee increase for the program, and requires that the corresponding federal share in FED Fund 3F00 ALI 651623, Medicaid Services - Federal, be used for the Hospital Additional Payments Program.

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Fiscal effect: The program is designed to generate the non-federal share from the incremental increase to the Hospital Franchise Fee, so there are not anticipated new costs to the GRF.

MCDCD33 MyCare Ohio expansion**Section: 333.250**

Requires the ODM Director to continue, during FY 2026 and FY 2027, to expand the Integrated Care Delivery System (known as "MyCare Ohio"), or its successor program, to all Ohio counties.

Requires ODM to establish requirements for care management and coordination of waiver services, subject to certain requirements (such as employing area agencies on aging to be the coordinators of those services) unless requested by the waiver participant or ODM determines that the performance of the area agency on aging does not meet program requirements.

Fiscal effect: Federal approval would be required prior to fiscal effects occurring. Post expansion of the MyCare program, there may be cost shifting due to increased MyCare enrollment.

MCDCD35 HCBS direct care worker wages**Section: 333.270**

Requires ODM, jointly with ODA and DODD, to collect data from providers regarding the wages paid to direct care workers under the Medicaid home and community-based waiver components administered by each agency. Requires ODM to compile and submit to the Governor an annual report on this data.

Fiscal effect: The departments will likely incur administrative costs to collect, compile, and submit the data and report.

MCDCD37 Rural Southern Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot Program and Assessments**Section: 333.290, 333.300**

Permits the ODM Director to establish the Rural Southern Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot Program for directed payments to rural southern Ohio hospitals.

Establishes requirements that a hospital must satisfy in order to participate in the pilot program.

Permits counties in which the pilot program is to operate to establish a local hospital assessment to provide the nonfederal share of Medicaid payments made under the pilot program.

Fiscal effect: The non-federal share of the program will be funded by assessments on local hospitals, so would not affect the GRF.

General

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MCDCD39 Hospital Care Assurance Program and franchise permit fee

R.C. 610.10

Eliminates the sunset of the Hospital Care Assurance Program and franchise permit fee, which were set to sunset on October 1, 2025.

Fiscal effect: The programs not sunseting will maintain current Hospital Care Assurance Program and franchise permit fee activities, and continue their associated costs and revenues in the future.

MCDCD4 Right of recovery for cost of medical assistance

R.C. 5160.37

Permits an individual who was a recipient of medical assistance and repaid money to ODM or a CDJFS pursuant to a right of recovery between April 6, 2007, and September 28, 2007, to request a hearing regarding those payments within 180 days.

Authorizes any of the following to request a hearing: (1) a medical assistance recipient; (2) a medical assistance recipient's authorized representative; (3) the executor or administrator of a medical assistance recipient's estate authorized to make or pursue a request; (4) a court-appointed guardian; and (5) an attorney who has been directly retained by the medical assistance recipient, or the recipient's parent, legal guardian, or court-appointed guardian.

Fiscal effect: ODM will incur administrative costs related to participating in any requested hearings.

MCDCD2 Medicaid coverage of aged, blind, and disabled individuals

R.C. 5163.03, 5163.05 (repealed)

Eliminates an outdated provision of law that specifies (1) that the Medicaid program's eligibility requirements for individuals in the aged, blind, and disabled population group may be more restrictive than the eligibility requirements for the Supplemental Security Income Program and (2) that any more restrictive eligibility requirements must be consistent with the 209(b) option provided for under federal law.

Fiscal effect: None - the eliminated provision has not been in effect since 2016.

MCDCD3 Exemption from adjudication

R.C. 5164.38

Exempts ODM from being required to conduct an adjudication in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, and subjects providers to existing reconsideration procedures instead, under the following circumstances:

(1) When a Medicaid provider agreement requires the provider to hold a license, permit, or certificate and it is inactive by any means or has been surrendered, withdrawn, retired, or otherwise restricted.

(2) When a provider's application for a provider agreement is denied or the provider agreement is terminated or not revalidated because a license, permit, or certificate is inactive by any means.

Fiscal effect: Potential decreases in administrative costs, due to the exemption from conducting adjudications.

Executive**MCDCD6 ICDS successor program in the care management system****R.C. 5167.01, 5167.03**

Permits ODM to include a Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan established in accordance with federal law as a replacement for the Integrated Care Delivery System in the Medicaid care management system.

Fiscal effect: Minimal costs expected, due to the permissive nature of the replacement program.

MCDCD5 Appeal of hospital assessment or audit**R.C. 5168.08, 5168.11, 5168.22**

Specifies that a final reconciliation of an annual hospital assessment constitutes an interim final order.

Specifies that a hospital requesting reconsideration of a preliminary determination of its assessment may submit its written materials to ODM by regular mail, email, or in-person delivery.

Eliminates law requiring ODM to hold a public hearing if one or more hospitals request a reconsideration of the preliminary determination of their assessments.

When a hospital appeals a final determination of its annual assessment, specifies that the complete record of the proceedings includes all documentation considered by ODM in issuing the final determination.

Eliminates the ability of a hospital to appeal to ODM the results of an audit conducted by ODM that determines the hospital paid amounts that the hospital should not have been required to pay, or that the hospital did not pay but should have been required to pay, and instead specifies that seeking a declaratory judgment is the exclusive remedy available to a hospital.

If a hospital seeks a declaratory judgment, requires it to deposit any funds that are not in dispute into the Hospital Care Assurance Program Fund while judicial proceedings are pending.

Fiscal effect: Administrative costs to comply with the new provisions.

MCDCD29 Public assistance for eligibility determinations**Section: 333.200**

Permits up to \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, in ODJFS, to be distributed based on performance criteria established by ODM. Allows performance-based amounts and transfer approval criteria to include application and renewal timeliness and accuracy.

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MCDCD12 Lodging for families**Section: 333.30**

Earmarks \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, to continue lodging as an administrative service affiliated with Ohio children's hospitals available for families with children who have special health care needs.

MCDCD13 Personal needs allowance support**Section: 333.40**

Permits the OBM Director, upon the request of the ODM Director, to transfer up to \$2,200,000 in FY 2026 and \$4,400,000 in FY 2027 from GRF ALI 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, to appropriation items in DODD, for individuals living in ICFs/IIDs.

MCDCD14 Medicare Part D**Section: 333.50**

Permits GRF ALI 651526, Medicare Part D, to be used by ODM for the implementation and operation of the Medicare Part D requirements contained in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003.

Permits, upon the request of the ODM Director, the OBM Director to transfer the state share of appropriations between GRF ALI 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, and GRF ALI 651526, Medicare Part D. Requires the OBM Director to adjust the federal share of ALI 651525 if said state share is adjusted, and requires ODM to notify the Controlling Board of any transfers of this type made.

MCDCD15 Work Community Engagement Program - county costs**Section: 333.70**

Permits the OBM Director, upon request of the ODM Director, to transfer state share appropriations in each fiscal year between GRF ALI 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, used by ODM, and GRF ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, used by ODJFS. Requires federal shares to be adjusted accordingly if such a transfer occurs.

Requires any increase to be provided to CDJFSs to be used only for costs related to transitioning to a new work and community engagement program under the Medicaid program. Prohibits funds from being used for existing and ongoing operating expenses.

Requires the ODM Director to establish criteria for distributing these funds and for CDJFSs to submit allowable expenses.

MCDCD16 Deposits to the Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries fund for program support**Section: 333.80**

Requires the ODM Director to deposit some portion of payments received for directed payment programs to the Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries Fund (Fund 5DL0). Requires the OBM Director to adjust Fund 5DL0 ALI 651685, Medicaid Recoveries – Program Support, along with the corresponding federal share in Fund 3F00 ALI 651624, Medicaid Program Support – Federal, to align with these deposits made to Fund 5DL0, and appropriates any such adjustments.

Executive

MCDCD17 Deposits to the State Directed Payment Program Fund**Section: 333.85**

Requires transfers made for the Hospital Directed Payment Program to be deposited into the State Directed Payment Program Fund (Fund 5AN0).

Provides that the state share of the program comes from these transfers, and that the federal share comes from Fund 3F00 ALI 651623, Medicaid Services - Federal.

Permits the OBM Director to transfer any cash remaining in the Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries Fund (Fund 5DL0) at the end of FY 2025 attributable to the Hospital Directed Payment Program to Fund 5AN0 to be used for the Hospital Directed Payment Program.

If receipts credited to Fund 5AN0 exceed the amounts appropriated from the fund, permits the ODM Director to seek Controlling Board approval for excess expenditures, and both directs the OBM Director to adjust the federal appropriations in Fund 3F00 ALI 651623, Medicaid Services - Federal, and appropriates any approved amounts and associated adjustments.

Requires the ODM Director to terminate the Hospital Directed Payment Program if funds available are insufficient to operate the program.

MCDCD18 Deposits to the Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries Fund**Section: 333.90**

Requires the ODM Director to deposit into the Health Care/Medicaid Services Support and Recoveries Fund (Fund 5DL0), \$2,500,000 cash in each fiscal year from the first installment of assessments and intergovernmental transfers made under HCAP.

MCDCD19 Cash transfers from the Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries Fund to the Behavioral Healthcare Fund**Section: 333.100**

Permits the OBM Director, upon request of the ODM Director, to transfer up to \$3,200,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries Fund (Fund 5DL0) to the Behavioral Healthcare Fund (Fund 5AU0).

Requires any transferred funds be used to support Centers of Excellence and related activities. Appropriates any transferred funds.

MCDCD20 Hospital Franchise Fee program**Section: 333.110**

Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures from Fund 3F00 ALI 651623, Medicaid Services - Federal; GRF ALI 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, and Fund 5GF0 ALI 651656, Medicaid Services - Hospital Franchise Fee, to implement the programs authorized by the law establishing the hospital franchise fee. Appropriates any authorized amounts.

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MCDCD24 Refunds and Reconciliation Fund**Section: 333.150**

Permits the OBM Director, at the request of the ODM Director, to authorize additional expenditures from the Refunds and Reconciliation Fund (Fund R055) if receipts credited to the fund exceed the amounts appropriated. Appropriates any authorized amounts.

MCDCD25 Non-emergency medical transportation**Section: 333.160**

Permits the OBM Director, at the request of the ODM Director, to transfer state share appropriations between GRF ALI 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, in the ODM budget and GRF ALI 655523, Medicaid Program Support - Local Transportation, in the ODJFS budget to ensure access to a non-emergency medical transportation brokerage program. Requires that the OBM Director adjust the federal share of ALI 651525 and Fund 3F01 ALI 655624, Medicaid Program Support - Federal, in the ODJFS budget, accordingly. Requires the ODM Director to transmit federal funds it receives for the transaction to the Medicaid Program Support Fund (Fund 3F01), used by ODJFS.

MCDCD27 Home and community based services appropriations - state**Section: 333.180**

Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures in Fund 5HC8 ALIs 651698, MCD Home and Community Based Services, 653698, DDD Home and Community Based Services, 652698, MHA Home and Community Based Services, 655698, JFS Home and Community Based Services, 659698, BOR Home and Community Based Services, and 656698, AGE Home and Community Based Services, conditional on the additional expenditures being offset by equal expenditure reductions in another of these identified ALIs.

Stipulates that any additional expenditures be used in accordance with federal rules and comply with ODM's Medicaid state plan approved by the federal government. Appropriates any additional expenditures.

MCDCD28 Home and community based services appropriations - federal**Section: 333.190**

Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures in Fund 3HC8 ALIs 651699, MCD Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 653699, DDD Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 652699, MHA Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 655699, JFS Home and Community Based Services – Federal, and 659699, BOR Home and Community Based Services - Federal, and 656699, AGE Home and Community Based Services – Federal, conditional on the additional expenditures being offset by equal expenditure reductions in another of these identified line items.

Stipulates that any additional expenditures be used in accordance with federal rules and comply with ODM's Medicaid state plan approved by the federal government. Appropriates any additional expenditures.

Executive

MCDCD30 Cash transfers from Franchise Permit Fee Fund to the Department of Health and the Department of Aging

Section: 333.210

Permits the OBM Director, upon the request of the ODM Director, to transfer cash in each fiscal year from the Nursing Home Franchise Fee Fund (Fund 5R20) to the following funds:

\$5,000,000 to the Quality, Monitoring, and Inspection Fund (Fund 5B50) used by ODH;

\$11,885,000 to the Ombudsman Support Fund (Fund 5BA0) used by ODA.

Requires DOH and ODA to each submit a report at the end of each fiscal year on spending activities to OBM.

MCDCD31 Medicaid interagency pass through

Section: 333.230

Permits the ODM Director to request the OBM Director to increase ALI 651655, Medicaid Interagency Pass-Through. Appropriates any approved amounts.

MCDCD32 Medicaid services recoveries

Section: 333.240

Permits the ODM Director to request the OBM Director to increase ALI 651639, Medicaid Services Recoveries. Appropriates any approved amounts.

Executive**DNRCD15 Codification of funds****R.C. 1501.47, 1513.371, 1546.25, 1546.26**

Codifies the following funds used by ODNR: the Program Support Fund (Fund 1570), the Long-Term Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund (Fund 3I90), the Parks and Watercraft Holding Fund (Fund R064), and the Parks Lodges, Maintenance, and Repair Fund (Fund 5ZT0).

Requires Fund 1570 be used for DNR centralized service support offices.

Specifies that Fund 3I90 consists of grants awarded by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior from the federal Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund and requires cash in the fund be used for the abatement of the causes and the treatment of the effects of acid mine drainage resulting from coal mine practices.

Requires the Chief of the Division of Parks and Watercraft to transfer money in Fund R064 from the sale of gift cards to the appropriate fund after the cards are redeemed.

Requires money in Fund 5ZT0 be used to pay maintenance and repair costs for facilities operated by concessionaires and service providers at state park lodges, restaurants, and marinas.

Fiscal effect: None.

DNRCD18 Oil and gas orders - appeals and procedures**R.C. 1509.03, 1509.36, 1509.221**

Replaces the requirement that all orders issued and notices given by the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Law with a requirement that the Chief adopt rules to establish procedures for providing notice under the Oil and Gas Law and serving the Chief's orders and compliance notices.

Requires a person appealing an order of the Chief or a rule adopted by the Chief to appeal first to the Oil and Gas Commission, with the right to appeal to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, instead of having the choice between appealing to either the Commission or a court of common pleas as in current law.

Fiscal effect: Courts of common pleas no longer hear initial appeals, although the Franklin County Court will still hear appeals of Commission decisions.

DNRCD16 Division of Natural Areas and Preserves merchandise**R.C. 1517.11**

Allows the chief of the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves to sell merchandise and other items related to, or that promote, the state's wildlife and unique environment, and general ecological preservation and conservation. Requires the money received from the sale of merchandise to be paid to the credit of the Natural Areas and Preserves Fund (Fund 5220).

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in revenue deposited to Fund 5520.

Executive**DNRCD20 Division of Water Resources****R.C. 1521.16, 1521.23 and 1522.12**

Establishes annual fees for a facility required to register to withdraw waters of the state, to be deposited into the Water Management Fund (Fund 5160), based on the daily withdrawal capacity of the facility as follows: \$75 (100,000 to 249,999 gallons); \$100 (250,000 to 499,999); \$150 (500,000 to 999,999); \$250 (1,000,000 to 9,999,999); \$550 (10,000,000 to 49,999,999); and \$1,050 (50,000,000 or more).

Increases the application fee for a consumptive use permit for a facility withdrawing water in the Ohio River Basin or in the Lake Erie Basin resulting in a new or increased consumptive use of more than an average of two million gallons per day in any 30-day period from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Fiscal effect: Increase in revenue to Fun 5160, although due to the small annual fees and the relatively few number of users affected by the changes to the consumptive use permit fee, these changes appear unlikely to have a significant fiscal effect.

DNRCD12 Non-resident deer permit and fishing license fees**R.C. 1533.11, 1533.32**

Increases fees for certain nonresident hunting permits and fishing licenses as follows: (1) Deer permit, from \$74 to \$210; (2) annual fishing license, from \$49 to \$74; (3) three-day tourist fishing license, from \$24 to \$50; and (4) one-day fishing license from \$13 to \$26.

Fiscal effect: ODNR issues tens of thousands of these licenses and permits each year. Increasing the fees will likely result in additional revenue for the Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015) totaling at least several million dollars per year, perhaps exceeding \$10.0 million per year.

DNRCD19 Hunting and fishing gift certificates**R.C. 1533.131**

Expands the allowable uses for hunting and fishing related gift certificates to (1) any license, permit, or stamp that the Chief of the Division of Wildlife designates as gift certificate eligible and (2) any user fee or conservation-related item, such as a magazine subscription, that the Chief designates as gift certificate eligible.

Permits rather than requires the adoption of rules governing hunting and fishing related gift certificates.

Eliminates the requirement that the Chief establish fees for gift certificates that equal the total fee for the applicable license, permit, or stamp.

Eliminates the requirement that a gift certificate expires one year after the date of purchase.

Fiscal effect: None.

DNRCD14 Watercraft fees**R.C. 1546.01, 1547.531, 1547.54**

Makes the following changes effective January 1, 2027:

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Defines "e-foil," "jetboard," and "racing shell" and removes "rowing skull" from the definition of rowboat. Applies the \$30 triennial registration fee for a class A watercraft to e-foils and jetboards. Exempts e-foils and jetboards from the requirement that watercraft operated by power, sail, or other mechanical or electrical means of propulsion be registered by length.

Requires that the triennial registration fees for watercraft be adjusted for inflation, not to exceed the percentage by which the CPI-U has changed since January 1, 1994, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

Applies the \$12 (numbered craft) or \$17 (unnumbered craft) triennial registration fee for a watercraft to kayaks, inflatable watercraft meeting the definition of paddlecraft, or any other watercraft propelled solely by human muscular effort.

Allows a registration certificate that must be on a watercraft to be in physical or digital form. Allows a person operating a kayak, canoe, rowboat, or inflatable watercraft that has not been numbered and that is stopped by law enforcement to present a registration certificate in physical or digital form.

Increases the additional writing fee for any watercraft registration certificate from \$3 to \$5. Increases the additional writing fee for a temporary watercraft registration from \$3 to \$5.

Fiscal effect: Taken together these changes will result in an increase in revenue deposited to the credit of the Waterways Safety Fund (Fund 7086), potentially reaching a million dollars or more per year.

DNRCD17 Division of Mineral Resources Management examinations

R.C. 1561.13, 1561.16, 1561.46, 1561.48 Repealed: 1561.18, 1561.21, 1561.22

Requires the Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources Management to provide examinations for persons seeking certificates as mine forepersons, forepersons, mine electricians, and surface mine blasters as needed instead of providing them quarterly or more often under current law.

Repeals provisions of Ohio's mine and quarry law that specify the qualifications for: (1) fire bosses, (2) shot firers, and (3) forepersons of surface maintenance facilities, and repeals the requirement that the Chief conduct examinations for these positions.

Repeals the requirement that public notice be given announcing the time and place for upcoming examinations.

Fiscal effect: Potential slight reduction in administrative costs for the Division.

DNRCD13 Oil and gas severance tax allocation

R.C. 5749.02

Increases the percentage of oil and gas severance taxes credited to the Geological Mapping Fund (Fund 5110), from 10% to 14%, and decreases the percentage to the Oil and Gas Well Fund (Fund 5180), from 90% to 86%.

Fiscal effect: An increase of roughly \$2.0 million per year for Fund 5110 with a corresponding decrease for Fund 5180.

Executive

DNRCD1 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.

DNRCD2 Subsidy for Direct and Indirect Costs of the Division of Wildlife and GRF cash transfer to Fund 7015**Section: 343.20, 512.10**

Requires GRF ALI 725401, Division of Wildlife-Operating Subsidy, to be used to cover the direct and indirect costs of the Division of Wildlife. Allows the OBM Director to transfer \$500,000 cash each fiscal year from the GRF to the Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015).

DNRCD3 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.

DNRCD8 NatureWorks Capital Expenses Fund**Section: 343.20**

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.

DNRCD4 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.

DNRCD5 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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DNRCD6 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).

DNRCD7 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.

DNRCD9 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 \$2,200,000 cash each fiscal year from Fund 5120 to Fund 5TD0.

DNRCD10 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.

DNRCD11 DNR administration of certain capital projects**Section: 343.60**

Allows ODNR, during the FY 2026-FY 2027 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 or the Division of Wildlife, 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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NURCD1 **Disciplinary action for failure to cooperate**

R.C. **4723.28**

Establishes the following as an additional ground upon which NUR may discipline a holder of an NUR-issued license or certificate - that the holder failed to cooperate with an investigation by (1) not complying with an NUR-issued subpoena or (2) failing to truthfully answer questions. Clarifies that failure to cooperate does not include failing to comply with a subpoena quashed by a court or withholding evidence or testimony as permitted by court order.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

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AUDCD1 Audit Management and Services**Section: 223.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 070401, Audit Management and Services, be used to: (1) pay AOS costs that are not recovered through charges to local governments and state agencies, including certain costs not recoverable under federal guidelines, and (2) cover costs of the Local Government Services Section that are not charged to clients.

AUDCD2 Performance Audits**Section: 223.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 070402, Performance Audits, be used to support costs for providing performance audits for local governments, school districts, state agencies, and colleges and universities that are not recovered through charges, including certain costs not recoverable under federal guidelines.

AUDCD3 Fiscal Distress Technical Assistance**Section: 223.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 070403, Fiscal Distress Technical Assistance, be used to support costs for providing services to local governments, schools, or colleges and universities that are in or are at risk of being in fiscal caution, watch, or emergency.

AUDCD4 Local Government Audit Support**Section: 223.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 070412, Local Government Audit Support, be used to pay AOS costs that are not recovered through charges to local governments and state entities, including certain costs not recoverable under federal guidelines.

AUDCD5 Local Government Audit Support Fund**Section: 223.20**

Requires that Fund 5VPO ALI 070611, Local Government Audit Support Fund, be used to offset the costs of audits that would otherwise be charged to local public offices in the absence of the fund.

Executive

AIRCD3 Air Quality Facility Definitions**R.C. 3706.01**

Eliminates any FutureGen project properties from the definition of "air quality facility". Adds any property, device, or equipment comprising a facility generating green energy to the definition of "air quality facility."

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in the amount of revenue bonds or notes that may be issued by OAQDA. Potential gain in revenue from assessments, for certain municipalities, townships, or special improvement districts, to be used for payments of OAQDA revenue bonds or notes.

AIRCD4 Revolving Loan Fund Bond Issuance Authority**R.C. 3706.04, 3706.042**

Allows OAQDA to receive loans of federal funds from any federal agency and grants and loans of federal funds from not-for profit entities to be pledged for the construction of air quality projects or for air quality facility research and development. Allows OAQDA to issue revenue bonds and notes and to place the proceeds in the Air Quality Revolving Loan Fund created by the bill to be used to carry out OAQDA powers and duties.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in funds received from grants or federal loans and amount of revenue bonds or notes issued by OAQDA. Potential gain in revenue from assessments, for certain municipalities, townships, or special improvement districts, to be used for payments of OAQDA revenue bonds or notes.

AIRCD2 Solar Generation Fund rider**R.C. 3706.46**

Changes the annual amount of revenue that must be collected from retail electric customers for the Solar Generation Fund (SGF) from \$20 million to an amount determined by the OAQDA as sufficient for the disbursements from the SGF and administrative costs. Accelerates the termination of this charge from FY 2028 to FY 2026 unless additional revenues are necessary to credit owners or operators of qualifying solar resources.

Fiscal effect: Changes revenue collected annually from retail electric customers for the Solar Generation Fund from \$20 million to an amount, likely less than \$20 million, determined by OAQDA. Reduces amounts collected by \$20 million in 2026 and 2027.

AIRCD1 Reimbursement to AIR Trust Account**Section: 213.20**

Authorizes OAQDA to reimburse the Air Quality Development Authority Trust Account for expenses relating to administration and shared costs regarding the Clean Air Resource Center.

Executive

CDPCD6 Prevention Services

R.C. 4758.01, 4758.44, 4758.45, 4758.02, 4758.10, 4758.20-4758.23, 4758.60, 4758.61

Changes the credentialing of prevention specialists and prevention consultants from certification to licensure.

Modifies the definition of "prevention services" and requires OCDP to adopt standards for the practice of prevention services.

Fiscal effect: There would be administrative and possible IT costs to make this adjustment.

CDPCD16 Terminology change

R.C. 4758.01, various other sections in Chapter 4758.

Replaces the term "chemical dependency" with "substance use disorder" and modifies associated definitions, but retains the name of the Board and all chemical dependency counselor licenses issued by OCDP.

Fiscal effect: Potential costs to update websites or other documents.

CDPCD5 Peer supporters

R.C. 4758.02, 4758.04, 4758.20, 4758.21, 4758.49, 4758.491, 4758.65, 4758.651, 4758.70, 4758.80, 4743.09, 4757.41, 4758.22, 4758.23, 4758.30, 4757.31, 4758.36, 4758.99; Section 747.10

Transfers the responsibility of certifying peer recovery supporters, youth peer supporters, and family peer supporters from DBH to OCDP.

Requires all peer supporters to: hold a high school diploma, the equivalent of a high school diploma, or a higher degree; complete training; pass an examination; and agree to follow a code of ethics. Establishes age and other requirements for each category of peer supporter.

Requires peer supporters to be supervised by specified professionals.

Establishes a peer support supervisor endorsement, which must be obtained by a peer supporter or other chemical dependency professional in order to serve as a supervisor. Establishes the requirements that must be met to obtain this endorsement.

Requires other mental health professionals who may supervise peer supporters to complete training requirements established by OCDP rule.

Permits peer supporters to provide telehealth services.

Prohibits peer supporters from engaging in the practice of substance use disorder counseling or prevention services.

Prohibits an individual from representing themselves as a peer supporter without holding certification beginning one year after the provision's 90-day effective date.

Permits individuals who are certified as peer recovery supporters, youth peer supporters, and family peer supporters by DBH on the provision's 90-day effective date to apply to OCDP to delay the certificate's expiration.

Prohibits OCDP from establishing fees for online learning courses for peer supporters administered by DBH.

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Fiscal effect: Increase in costs, including one-time costs due to eLicense enhancements and other necessary updates for this transition and ongoing costs to issue certificates and regulate these professionals. The budget establishes funding of approximately \$292,500 in FY 2026 and \$30,000 in FY 2027 in new Fund 5CF1 ALI 930600, which consists of ISTV transfers from DBH, to support initial costs. Ongoing costs may be partially offset by licensure fee revenue collected.

CDPCD15 Chemical dependency counselor I license

R.C. 4758.02, 4758.24, 4758.27

Eliminates obsolete references to the chemical dependency counselor I license, for which initial licensure was eliminated in 2002 and renewals ceased in 2008.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD13 Board membership

R.C. 4758.10, 4758.11, 4758.13; Section 747.01

Adds a chemical dependency counselor assistant and an individual who is a peer recovery supporter, youth peer supporter, or family peer supporter as a Board member.

Replaces the Board member who is a physician with experience practicing in a field related to chemical dependency counseling with a specified health care worker or counselor who is employed or contracted by a community addiction services provider or community mental health services provider.

Increases to nine (from seven) the number of members who must be present to constitute a quorum.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

CDPCD17 Address and telephone number

R.C. 4758.18, (Repealed)

Eliminates a requirement that each license or certificate include OCDP's address and telephone number.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD2 Disciplinary fines

R.C. 4758.20, 4758.30

Permits OCDP to impose fines as a form of professional disciplinary action against its license, certificate, and endorsement holders.

Requires OCDP to adopt rules establishing a graduated system of fines, based on the scope and severity of violations and history of compliance, with a maximum fine of \$500 per incident.

Fiscal effect: Potential revenue increase.

Executive**CDPCD3 Internships and practicums****R.C. 4758.20**

Permits OCDP to require internships or practicums as a condition of licensure, certification, or endorsement, instead of preceptorships as specified by current law.

Fiscal effect: None.**CDPCD7 Chemical dependency counselor assistants****R.C. 4758.20, 4758.22, 4758.26, 4758.27, 4758.43, 4758.51, Repealed: 4758.52**

Requires an individual seeking a chemical dependency counselor assistant certification to be at least age 18 and hold a high school diploma, a certificate of high school equivalence, or a higher degree.

Changes the designation that applies to the first certification that is received to practice as a chemical dependency counselor assistant from "initial" to "preliminary." Eliminates existing requirements for this certification, and instead, requires OCDP to establish the standards by rule.

Prohibits OCDP from renewing or restoring a chemical dependency counselor assistant preliminary certificate.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.**CDPCD1 Approval of education programs****R.C. 4758.21, 4758.20, 4758.28**

Requires OCDP to approve education programs that may be completed for initial licenses, certificates, and endorsements, including degree and certificate training programs offered by accredited educational institutions and other training programs selected by OCDP, in addition to the OCDP's current duty to approve continuing education courses for renewals.

Extends OCDP's duty to establish fees and adopt rules to its duties relating to the approval of additional education programs.

Fiscal effect: There would be increased administrative costs. However, OCDP can establish fees to help offset these costs.**CDPCD14 Code of ethics****R.C. 4758.23**

Clarifies that the codes of ethics adopted by OCDP for chemical dependency professionals must prohibit engaging in multiple relationships with clients, as opposed to dual relationships as in current law.

Expands specific requirements for the development of codes of ethics to apply to all professionals credentialed by OCDP.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive**CDPCD4 Criminal records checks****R.C. 4758.24, 4758.20, 4776.01, 4776.20**

Requires applicants for licensure, certification, or endorsement from OCDP to undergo a criminal records check.

Requires OCDP to adopt rules regarding criminal records checks.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.**CDPCD8 Discipline****R.C. 4758.30**

Clarifies that OCDP may discipline an individual credentialed by OCDP for an inability to practice due to mental illness or physical illness, including physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills, instead of just physical or mental condition as in current law.

Permits OCDP to discipline an individual credentialed by OCDP for conviction in another jurisdiction of a felony or conviction of misdemeanors committed in the course of practice.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.**CDPCD9 Applications****R.C. 4758.35, 4758.39, 4758.40, 4758.44, 4758.45**

Requires applicants for licensure, certification, or endorsement from OCDP to submit an application in the manner OCDP prescribes, in place of the current requirement to file a written form.

Clarifies that certain applicants for licensure, certification, or endorsement from OCDP must hold a required degree "or higher," as opposed to holding "at least" that degree as in current law.

Fiscal effect: None.**CDPCD11 Alternative pathways to licensure****R.C. 4758.40, 4758.41-4758.45, Repealed: 4758.241**

Eliminates pathways to licensure as a chemical dependency counselor III, chemical dependency counselor II, independent chemical dependency counselor, prevention consultant, or prevention specialist, or certification as a chemical dependency counselor assistant that require the professional to hold formerly accepted credentials on December 23, 2002.

Eliminates a pathway to licensure as a chemical dependency counselor II that requires a professional to have held a certificate as a chemical dependency counselor assistant since 2008 and meet other requirements.

Eliminates a pathway for licensure as an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor for applicants who held a license on March 22, 2013, under which an applicant is not required to pay a fee or comply with other licensure requirements.

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Eliminates a pathway for licensure as an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor for applicants who held an independent chemical dependency counselor license on March 22, 2013.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD10 Work or internship experience

R.C. 4758.41, 4758.42

Clarifies that work or internship experience for a license as an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor or a chemical dependency counselor III must include services provided for substance use disorder treatment within a scope of practice to perform such services.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD12 Referrals

R.C. 4758.44, 4758.55-4758.57, 4758.59, 4758.62-4758.64

Eliminates the authority of an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor, independent chemical dependency counselor, chemical dependency counselor III, chemical dependency counselor II, or chemical dependency counselor assistant to refer individuals with non-chemical dependency conditions to appropriate sources of help.

Eliminates the authority of an independent chemical dependency counselor, chemical dependency counselor III, chemical dependency counselor II, or gambling disorder endorsement holder to refer individuals with other gambling conditions to appropriate sources of help.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD18 License display

R.C. 4758.50, (Repealed)

Eliminates a requirement that a holder of a license, certificate, or endorsement issued by OCDP prominently post that license, certificate, or endorsement at the holder's place of employment.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

EPACD4 E-check program contract extension**R.C. 3704.14**

Extends the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program (E-Check) in counties where this program is federally mandated.

Authorizes Ohio EPA to request DAS to extend the existing contract with the contractor that conducts the program beginning July 1, 2025, for a period of up to 24 months.

Authorizes Ohio EPA Director to request DAS to extend the contract beginning July 1, 2027 for an additional 24 months until June 30, 2029.

Requires the decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program contract to achieve "an equivalent amount of emissions reductions" as the centralized program authorized by the contract specified above, rather than "at least the same emissions reductions" as the centralized contract as in current law.

Fiscal effect: None. This program is a requirement that was developed as part of the federally approved State Implementation Plan (SIP) and compliance with the federal Clean Air Act so as to avoid the loss of federal funding and possible sanctions.

EPACD17 Administration of solid waste and C&DD fees**R.C. 3714.07, 3714.073**

Imposes the revised and reallocated fee structure (as discussed in EPACD15) that applies to the transfer and disposal of solid waste to construction and demolition debris (C&DD) that is transferred or disposed of at a solid waste transfer facility or solid waste disposal facility.

Eliminates the requirement that solid waste facilities collect C&DD disposal fees on the disposal of C&DD at such facilities.

Revises the remittance procedures for fees collected on the disposal of C&DD and asbestos or asbestos-containing material at a C&DD facility as follows:

(a) Allows a board of health and the Ohio EPA Director to enter into an agreement for Ohio EPA to collect C&DD disposal fees on behalf of the board.

(b) Requires a municipal corporation, township, or county that appropriates money from C&DD disposal fees to mail a certified copy of the ordinance or resolution providing for the appropriation to the Ohio EPA Director in addition to the applicable board of health as in current law.

Fiscal effect: Reduction in C&DD fees collected at solid waste facilities and distributed to local boards of health and the following state funds: Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30), Recycling and Litter Prevention Fund (Fund 5320) used by Ohio EPA, and Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR. Increase in Solid waste fees collected at solid waste facilities and distributed to local boards of health and the following state funds: Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030), Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Fund (Fund 5050), Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), National Priority List Remedial Support Fund (Fund 5YY0), Recycling and Litter Prevention Fund (Fund 5320), Environmental Protection Remediation Fund (Fund 5410) used by Ohio EPA, and Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR.

Executive**EPACD9 Generator of infectious waste certificate fee****R.C. 3734.021**

Eliminates the \$140 infectious waste generator registration application and renewal fee.

Fiscal effect: Reduces the amount of fee revenue deposited to Fund 4K30 by about \$25,000 tri-annually.

EPACD16 Solid waste - community impact analysis and meetings**R.C. 3734.05**

Requires a person proposing to open a new solid waste facility or to modify an existing solid waste facility, when making an application for a permit, to submit with the application a community impact analysis that both evaluates the impact of the proposed solid waste disposal facility on the local economy and considers mitigation measures to minimize adverse impact on the host community.

Requires the applicant to maintain a publicly accessible website (to include the permit application and supporting documents, the community impact analysis, and public involvement information), provide public notices and hold meetings, maintain and distribute transcripts, and hold a public community involvement session on the application within the county in which the solid waste facility is located or within a contiguous county.

Allows the Ohio EPA Director to give notification of the public hearing regarding a solid waste facility permit application or infectious waste treatment facility permit application either via newspaper publication or publication on the Ohio EPA website instead of only in a newspaper as in current law.

Fiscal effect: Potential decrease in administrative expenditures when publishing notices on Ohio EPA website rather than in a newspaper publication.

EPACD14 Environmental Protection Remediation Fund**R.C. 3734.281, 3734.283**

Permits the Ohio EPA Director, through employees or contractors, to enter upon land when performing a remediation at a facility or location where money from the Environmental Protection Remediation Fund (Fund 5410) may be spent for various purposes, such as performing sampling and monitoring and abating or preventing air or water pollution or soil contamination.

Permits money collected from judgments brought under the air pollution control law to be deposited to the Environmental Protection Remediation Fund (Fund 5410).

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in revenue deposited to Fund 5410 from judgments brought under the air pollution control law.

EPACD13 EPA fees**R.C. 3734.57, 3734.901, 3745.11**

Makes permanent the following Ohio EPA fees that are scheduled to expire between June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2026:

- (a) The fees levied on the transfer or disposal of solid waste.
- (b) The fees levied on the sale of tires.

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- (c) The annual emissions fees for synthetic minor facilities.
- (d) Application fees for plan approvals for wastewater treatment works under the Water Pollution Control Law.
- (e) The annual discharge fees for holders of a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued under the Water Pollution Control Law.
- (f) The annual surcharge paid by NPDES permit holders that are major dischargers.
- (g) The initial and renewal license fees for public water system licenses issued under the Safe Drinking Water Law.
- (h) The fee for plan approvals for public water supply systems under the Safe Drinking Water Law.
- (i) The fees for state certification of laboratories and laboratory personnel for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Law.
- (j) The application and examination fees for certification as operators of water supply systems or wastewater systems under the Safe Drinking Water Law or the Water Pollution Control Law.
- (k) The application fees for permits, variances, and plan approvals under the Water Pollution Control Law and the Safe Drinking Water Law.

Increases the fee for a person applying for a wastewater treatment works plan approval from \$100 +.65% of the estimated project cost to \$100 +.65% of the estimated project cost plus \$100 +.2% of the estimated project cost, but retains the \$15,000 cap for this fee.

Fiscal effect: The fee extensions will preserve annual revenues of \$99.4 million allocated for use by Ohio EPA and AGR as follows: \$365,000 for the Clean Air - Non Title V Fund (Fund 4K20), \$14.2 million to Fund Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30), \$9.0 million for the Surface Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K40), \$7.0 million for the Drinking Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K50), \$4.0 million to the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50), \$1.7 million to Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030), \$9.5 million to Fund Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Fund (Fund 5050), \$44.4 million to Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), and \$1.3 million to National Priority List Remedial Support Fund (Fund 5YY0) used by Ohio EPA; and \$7.9 million to Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR. Other provisions modify the allocation of solid waste disposal fees and reduce the Ohio EPA portion by \$7.1 million annually, redirecting that amount for use by local boards of health.

The increased wastewater treatment works plan approval fee will increase annual revenues deposited to Fund 4K40 by \$3.0 million or less due to the fee cap in addition to retained fees listed above.

EPACD15 Solid waste and C&DD fees

R.C. 3734.57

Modifies fees totaling \$4.75 a ton on solid waste transfer and disposal as follows:

Reduces a 71¢ per ton fee to 55¢ per ton and allocates the proceeds as follows: (a) 9¢ per ton, rather than 11¢ per ton, to the Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030), and (b) 46¢ per ton, rather than 60¢ per ton, to the Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Fund (Fund 5050).

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Increases a 90¢ per ton fee to \$1.35 per ton and allocates the proceeds as follows: (a) 90¢ per ton, as currently allocated, to the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30), and (b) a new 45¢ per ton allocation to be transmitted to the approved board of health of the health district in which the facility that collects the fee is located.

Reduces, from \$2.81 per ton to \$2.15 per ton, the fee that is deposited in the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0).

Reduces, from 8¢ per ton to 6¢ per ton, the fee that is deposited in the National Priority List Remedial Support Fund (Fund 5YY0).

Allocates the remaining portion of the \$4.75 a ton fee as follows: (a) 18¢ per ton to the Recycling and Litter Prevention Fund (Fund 5320) (new allocation), (b) 21¢ per ton to the Environmental Protection Remediation Fund (Fund 5410) (new allocation), and (c) 25¢ per ton fee that is used to provide assistance to soil and water conservation districts (current allocation unchanged).

Fiscal effect: The fee extension will reduce annual revenues from \$71.0 million to \$63.9 million allocated for use by Ohio EPA as follows: \$947,000 to Fund 5YY0, \$1.4 million to Fund 5030, \$2.8 million to Fund 5320, \$3.3 million to Fund 5410, \$7.3 million to Fund 5050, \$14.2 million to Fund 4K30, and \$44.4 million to Fund 5BC0, and \$6.6 million to local boards of health. The 25¢ portion of the fee deposited to Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) and used by AGR is unaffected. Local boards of health will see a collective revenue increase of \$7.1 million annually.

EPACD8 Removing solid waste or construction and demolition debris

R.C. 3734.85

Permits the Ohio EPA Director to take various actions regarding accumulations of solid waste and construction and demolition debris (C&DD) in the same manner that the Director may take those actions regarding scrap tires including:

- (a) Issuing an order to the responsible person directing that person to remove the accumulation of solid waste or C&DD from a premises and transport the removed material to the proper facility;
- (b) Taking actions to remove and manage the solid waste or C&DD such as transporting the removed material to the proper facility if the recipient fails to comply with the removal order; and
- (c) Collecting costs incurred by Ohio EPA for conducting the removal action by having a lien placed on the property where the accumulation of solid waste or C&DD was removed or requesting the Attorney General to bring a civil action against the proper person.

Modifies the enforcement and removal action priority list for scrap tires in current law to account for actions concerning solid waste or C&DD.

Exempts a property owner from liability for scrap tire removal costs, and prohibits a lien from being placed on the property, for the removal of at least 100 scrap tires aggregated from multiple properties when collected during an Ohio EPA-approved community cleanup event.

Exempts a county, municipal corporation, township, or county land reutilization corporation from liability for scrap tire removal costs, and prohibits a lien from being placed on the property, for the removal of up to 10,000 scrap tires, or more at the Ohio EPA Director's discretion, when scrap tires were placed on the property prior to acquisition.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in expenditures to perform solid waste and C&DD removal offset by permitted cost recovery.

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EPACD3 Ohio EPA Division of Air Pollution Control - fee increases**R.C. 3745.11**

Establishes an annual fee of \$5,000 charged to Title V air pollution control permit holders and synthetic minor air facility permit holders in addition to existing emission-based annual fees.

Increases fees related to Ohio EPA's air pollution control program, including fees for facility permits to install and annual fees that are based on total air pollution emissions or emission capacity by 50%.

Fiscal effect: Increased annual fee revenue of \$2.6 million to Fund 4T30 from new annual fee, and \$6.0 million to Fund 4K20 from new and increased fees.

EPACD5 Public water supply system fees**R.C. 3745.11**

Allows the Ohio EPA Director to adopt rules permitting the current administrative service fee for political subdivisions or investor-owned public utilities that enter into certain connection or distribution agreements with the Ohio EPA to be charged to any entity applying for a public water supply system plan approval for either extensions of distribution facilities or increases in the number of service connections, instead of the current fee of \$150 + 0.35% of the estimated project cost.

Fiscal effect: Potential decrease in the amount of fee revenue for plan approvals deposited to Fund 4K50.

EPACD6 Industrial water pollution control facility certificate**R.C. 3745.11, 3734.05, 3734.79, 5709.212, 6111.01, 6111.04**

Eliminates the application fee of .5% of the total exempt facility project costs, not to exceed \$2,000, for an industrial water pollution control facility that files for a certificate to exempt the facility from certain taxes.

Eliminates the application fee for an industrial water pollution control certificate submitted prior to June 26, 2003, to exempt the facility from certain taxes.

Fiscal effect: Reduces the amount of fee revenue deposited to Fund 4K40 by \$30,000

EPACD7 Scope of environmental health specialists' practice**R.C. 3776.01**

Removes the administration or enforcement of the hazardous waste law from the scope of practice of environmental health that an environmental health specialist or environmental health specialist in training may engage in.

Fiscal effect: None.

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EPACD11 Proposed filling of an isolated wetland mitigation**R.C. 6111.02, 6111.022, 6111.023, 6111.024, 6111.025, 6111.027**

Replaces the current preferred order for mitigating the proposed filling of an isolated wetland that is subject to level 1, 2, or 3 review with the following preferred order: (1) Purchasing credits at an approved wetland mitigation bank; (2) Purchasing credits at an approved in-lieu mitigation program; and (3) Constructing individual mitigation projects.

Allows a deviation from the preferred order if the Ohio EPA Director determines, or the applicant demonstrates, that the size or quality of the impacted resource or the lack of available mitigation credits necessitates a change in that order.

Requires Ohio EPA Director to adopt rules governing the approval and use of wetland mitigation banks and in-lieu fee mitigation programs.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative expenditures to adopt rules governing the approval and use of wetland mitigation banks and in-lieu fee mitigation programs.

EPACD12 Isolated wetland levels 2 and 3 review**R.C. 6111.023, 6111.024**

Requires information that must be submitted to Ohio EPA for purposes of level 2 or 3 review of a proposed filling of isolated wetlands to include a listing of all waters on site and the proposed buffers on avoided resources.

Fiscal effect: None.

EPACD1 Areawide Planning Agencies**Section: 277.20**

Permits the Ohio EPA Director to award grants from Fund 5BC0 ALI 715687, Areawide Planning Agencies, to areawide planning agencies engaged in areawide water quality management and planning activities in accordance with the nonpoint source pollution control provisions of the federal Clean Water Act.

EPACD2 Automobile Emission Testing Program**Section: 277.20**

Requires GRF ALI 715502, Auto Emissions E-Check Program, to be used to support the automobile emission testing program.

Permits the Ohio EPA Director, on July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, to request that the DAS Director extend the contract with the vendor operating in accordance with R.C. 3704.14 (A)(1) for not longer than twelve months.

In the event that the contractor selected in accordance with R.C. 3704.14 (A)(2) cannot complete the required work prior to July 1, 2025, permits the DAS Director to enter into a contract extension utilizing GRF ALI 715502, Auto Emissions E-Check Program, provided that (a) the contract contains the same terms, and (b) no funds are paid for incomplete work.

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EXPCD1 State Fair Reserve Fund

Section: 285.20

Authorizes the General Manager of EXP, in consultation with the OBM Director, to submit a Controlling Board request to use designated amounts in the State Fair Reserve Fund (Fund 6400) if revenues from either the 2025 or the 2026 Ohio State Fair are unexpectedly low.

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REPCD1 Operating Expenses

Section: 299.20

Reappropriates an amount certified by the House Chief Administrative Officer, up to the available balance of GRF ALI 025321, Operating Expenses, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026, to the next fiscal year.

REPCD2 House Reimbursement

Section: 299.20

Appropriates additional amounts in Fund 1030 ALI 025601, House Reimbursement, if the House Chief Administrative Officer determines that additional amounts are necessary.

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JCOCD1 State Council of Uniform Laws

Section: 315.20

Earmarks up to \$103,315 in FY 2026 and up to \$108,481 in FY 2027 of GRF ALI 018321, Operating Expenses, to be used to pay the expenses of the State Council of Uniform State Laws, including membership dues to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

JCOCD2 Ohio Jury Instructions Fund

Section: 315.20

Requires that the Ohio Jury Instructions Fund (Fund 4030) consist of grants, royalties, dues, conference fees, bequests, devises, and other gifts received for the purpose of supporting the Judicial Conference in its activities as a part of the judicial system of the state as determined by the Judicial Conference Executive Committee.

Requires money in the fund to be used to pay expenses incurred by the Conference in performing activities as determined by its Executive Committee.

Appropriates, in each fiscal year, any money accruing to the fund in excess of the that year's appropriation.

Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring money from Fund 4030 to any other fund.

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PWCCD3 Local debt support

R.C. 164.01

Removes the following forms of assistance under the State Capital Improvement Program: (1) a pledge of support for any local bond issue, (2) the payment of all or a part of the premium for bond insurance obtained from a private insurer, and (3) a source of revenue pledged in support of revenue bonds issued by a subdivision.

PWCCD4 District Public Works Integrating Committees

R.C. 164.05, 164.06, 164.08, 164.14

Allows a district public works integrating committee to determine how much of its allocation is awarded to political subdivisions in loans and local debt support, rather than setting a defined amount at not more than 10% of the allocation as in current law.

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SENCD1 Operating Expenses

Section: 397.20

Reappropriates an amount certified by the Clerk of the Senate, up to the available balance of GRF ALI 020321, Operating Expenses, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 for the same purpose in the following fiscal year.

Executive

OODCD1 Independent Living

Section: 353.20

Requires GRF ALI 415402, Independent Living Council, be provided to the Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council to support its operation under the State Plan for Independent Living.

Makes the following earmarks in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 415511, Centers for Independent Living:

- (1) The amount of state match needed for the Federal Independent Living Grant to support the state independent living programs and centers.
- (2) Up to \$1,355,608 to be used as state matching funds to provide vocational rehabilitation services to Ohioans with disabilities.
- (3) \$74,124 to be used as state matching funds for vocational rehabilitation innovation and expansion activities.

Requires Fund 3GH0 ALI 415613, Independent Living, to be used to support the operations of the Centers for Independent Living.

OODCD2 Assistive Technology

Section: 353.20

Requires GRF ALI 415406, Assistive Technology, be provided to Assistive Technology of Ohio and used to provide grants and assistive technology services for Ohioans with disabilities.

OODCD3 Brain Injury

Section: 353.20

Requires GRF ALI 415431, Brain Injury, be provided to The Ohio State University College of Medicine to support the Brain Injury Program.

OODCD4 Services for the Deaf

Section: 353.20

Requires GRF ALI 415508, Services for the Deaf, be used to provide grants to community centers for the deaf.

OODCD5 Visually Impaired Reading Services

Section: 353.20

Requires GRF ALI 415512, Visually Impaired Reading Services, be used to support VOICEcorps Reading Services to provide reading services for blind individuals.

OODCD6 Sight Centers

Section: 353.20

Requires \$10,000 in each fiscal year from Fund 3L40 ALI 415617, Independent Living Older Blind, be allocated to each of the following entities to provide outreach to the community of individuals with blindness or low vision: the Cleveland Sight Center; the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio.

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PENCD3 PERS law enforcement and public safety officers**R.C. 145.01, 145.334**

Includes in the PERS law enforcement and public safety divisions a PERS member who, after the bill's effective date, becomes employed full time as a state fire marshal (SFM) law enforcement officer.

Allows a PERS member who, on the bill's effective date, is employed as an SFM law enforcement officer to elect to participate in the PERS law enforcement (PERS-LE) or PERS public safety (PERS-PS) division, rather than regular PERS), for the member's future service.

Causes a PERS member who is employed full time by the SFM Fire and Explosion Investigation Bureau to be considered an SFM law enforcement officer if the following apply: (1) the SFM has appointed the member as an assistant fire marshal and designated the person to act as a law enforcement officer (a) for purposes of investigating fires and explosions in Ohio and arresting, or causing arrest, and charging a person with arson or a similar offense as a result of an investigation, and (b) to enforce criminal prohibitions relating to fire safety and fireworks; and (2) the SFM has appointed the member as a SFM law enforcement officer and the member has received a certificate attesting to satisfactory completion of the peace officer basic training program for arrest power purposes.

Fiscal effect: Increases SFM's employer contribution costs paid to PERS. There are currently 30 eligible SFM employees. In calendar year (CY) 2025, public employers contribute 14% of employee payroll for each employee under the OPERS regular division and 18.1% of payroll for each employee under the PERS-PS or PERS-LE division. Allowing both a new SFM's law enforcement officer and reclassifying an OPERS member who is employed as a full-time as SFM law enforcement officer to elect from the OPERS regular division to PERS-PS or PERS-LE division would increase the required OPERS employer contribution by the difference, 4.1% of the associated payroll.

PENCD1 Police and Fire Death Benefit Fund**Section: 361.20**

Requires TOS to disburse quarterly the funds provided in GRF ALI 090575, Police and Fire Death Benefits, to the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F), which serves as trustee of the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund. Requires TOS to certify such amounts quarterly to the OBM Director.

Temporarily removes a requirement that a person who has OP&F service credit and is a PERS law enforcement officer be in the active service of a police or fire department to purchase credit in OP&F for service under PERS, STRS, or SERS or have credit for that service transferred to OP&F.

PENCD2 PERS members - OP&F service credit**Section: 701.20**

Temporarily allows certain PERS members to transfer or purchase certain OP&F service credit even if the member does not have more PERS service credit than the credit to be transferred or purchased.

Fiscal effect: No direct fiscal effect on the state or local governments.

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PRXCD2 Authority to use instruments that reduce drug poisoning**R.C. 2925.14, 4729.261**

Requires PRX to adopt rules for the approval of types of instruments that demonstrate efficacy in reducing drug poisoning by determining the presence of a specific compound or group of compounds.

Exempts the PRX-approved instruments from the crime of illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, in the same manner that fentanyl testing strips are currently exempt.

Prohibits PRX from approving any type of instrument intended to measure the purity of a mixture.

Fiscal effect: Potential decrease in costs to local criminal justice systems to prosecute, adjudicate, and sanction misdemeanor offenders. Minimal increase in administrative expenses for PRX.

PRXCD3 Licensure of out-of-state drug distribution operations**R.C. 4729.52, 4729.54, 4729.551 (repealed), 3719.04, 4729.56, 4729.561**

Requires PRX to license out-of-state business operations involved in the various aspects of the retail and wholesale drug supply chain: terminal distributors, wholesale distributors, manufacturers, outsourcing facilities, third-party logistics providers, and repackagers.

Establishes procedures for issuing nonresident licenses for out-of-state operations, based on the procedures that exist for in-state operations.

Establishes a \$500 fee for an initial or renewed nonresident license for an out-of-state terminal distributor.

Establishes a \$2,000 fee for an initial or renewed nonresident license for an out-of-state wholesale distributor, manufacturer, outsourcing facility, third-party logistics provider, or repackager.

Fiscal effect: Increase in biennial fee revenue of \$500,000 deposited to the Occupational Licensing Fund (Fund 4K90).

PRXCD5 Responsible person designation for retail and wholesale distributors**R.C. 4729.52, 4729.53, 4729.54, 4729.80**

Requires each license holder involved in the retail and wholesale drug supply chain to designate a person to serve in the role of "responsible person."

Requires the responsible person, along with the license holder, to accept responsibility for the operation of the licensed location in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and rules.

Requires the license holder to have a designated responsible person, at all times, and to notify the Board of the person who is designated and any subsequent changes.

Establishes a \$15 fee, to be assessed by the Board, for any change of responsible person.

Fiscal effect: Increase in annual fee revenue of \$45,000 deposited to the Occupational Licensing Fund (Fund 4K90).

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PRXCD4 Fees for licensure of in-state terminal distributors**R.C. 4729.54**

Increases licensing fees that apply to terminal distributors of dangerous drugs, with operations within Ohio:

- (a) from \$320 to \$360 the fee for a Category II license, including a limited license.
- (b) from \$440 to \$460 the fee for a Category III license, including a limited license and a pain management clinic license.
- (c) from \$120 to \$160 the fee for a terminal distributor license that must be obtained by an entity that typically is exempt from licensure, except for the fact that it possesses controlled substances, compounded drugs, or drugs used in compounding.
- (d) from \$120 to \$160 the fee for a terminal distributor license obtained by a veterinary practice.
- (e) from \$120 to \$160 the fee for a terminal distributor license obtained by an emergency medical service organization satellite.

Fiscal effect: Increase in biennial fee revenue of \$90,000 deposited to the Occupational Licensing Fund (Fund 4K90).

PRXCD6 Pharmacy technician registration and fees**R.C. 4729.901, 4729.902, 4729.921**

Increases the following fees that apply to pharmacy technicians:

- (a) from \$50 to \$65 the fee for initial registration as a registered pharmacy technician or certified pharmacy technician.
- (b) from \$25 to \$65 per year the fee for the renewal of registration as a registered pharmacy technician or certified pharmacy technician. (By Board rule, the current registration period is two years.)
- (c) from \$25 to \$40 the fee for registration as a pharmacy technician trainee.

Extends to 18 months from one year the time period specified in statute that a pharmacy technician trainee's registration remains valid. (By Board rule, the current time period is already 18 months.)

Fiscal effect: Increase in biennial fee revenue of \$756,000 deposited to the Occupational Licensing Fund (Fund 4K90).

PRXCD1 Cash Transfer from the Medical Marijuana Control Program Fund to the Drug Database Fund**Section: 367.20**

Permits the OBM Director to transfer up to \$2,745,500 in each fiscal year from the Medical Marijuana Control Program Fund (Fund 5SY0), used by COM, to the Drug Database Fund (Fund 5SG0), used by PRX at the request of the PRX Director.

Executive**PUBCD7 OPD and Outside Counsel in Revocation Hearings****R.C. 120.06, 120.08**

Allows OPD to contract with private legal counsel to provide legal representation for parole, probation, community control, or post-release control revocation matters if OPD does not have the capacity to provide it.

Requires the costs be paid directly from Indigent Defense Support Fund (Fund 5DY0).

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in expenditures from Fund 5DY0 ALI 019619 Indigent Defense Support - State Office.

PUBCD1 State Legal Defense Services**Section: 371.20**

Earmarks up to \$50,000 in each fiscal year of GRF ALI 019401, State Legal Defense Services, to be used to provide legal training programs at no cost for private appointed counsel who represent at least one indigent person at no cost, and state and county public defenders and attorneys who contract with OPD to provide indigent defense services.

PUBCD2 County reimbursement - Indigent Defense Support**Section: 371.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 019501, County Reimbursement, be used to reimburse counties for the costs of operating county public defender offices, joint county public defender offices and county appointed counsel systems, the counties' costs and expenses of conducting the defense in capital cases, the counties' costs and expenses of appointed counsel, and any other costs to provide legal representation to indigent persons.

Caps reimbursement of county costs at an hourly rate not to exceed \$75 per hour, except in capital cases which are reimbursed at an hourly rate not to exceed \$140 per hour.

PUBCD4 County Indigent Defense Budgets**Section: 371.20**

Requires each county report biannual indigent defense cost projections for the next two upcoming state fiscal years to OPD, no later than July 31, 2026, and each biennium thereafter.

Requires the report to contain most current projected costs, and the next two fiscal years for their indigent defense fund.

PUBCD5 Cash Transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Legal Aid Fund**Section: 371.20**

Requires the OBM Director on July 1 of each fiscal year, to transfer \$1,000,000 cash from the GRF to the Legal Aid Fund (Fund 5740). Requires that this cash be distributed by the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation to Ohio's civil legal aid societies for the following:

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(1) \$500,000 in each fiscal year for the sole purpose of providing legal services for economically disadvantaged individuals and families seeking assistance with legal issues arising as a result of substance abuse disorders.

(2) \$250,000 in each fiscal year for the sole purpose of providing legal services for veterans.

Prohibits any of the money to be used for administrative costs.

PUBCD6 Federal Representation**Section: 371.20**

Requires that Fund 3S80 ALI 019608, Federal Representation, be used to support representation provided by OPD in federal cases.

PUBCD8 Northwest Regional Hub pilot program**Section: 371.30**

Creates the Northwest Regional Hub pilot program to allow Allen, Hardin, and Putnam counties to participate in an alternative management system for indigent defense that is primarily managed by OPD, with a portion of cases managed by court-appointed counsel.

Requires OPD to assume responsibility for representation of indigent persons to the extent that representation is not provided by outside counsel in accordance with R.C. 120.33 if a county elects to become part of the Northwest Regional Hub and transfer indigent defense services to OPD.

Requires OPD to provide direct representation to indigent defendants in not more than 80% of indigent defense cases.

Provides for withdrawal procedures for participating counties, including holding public meetings and providing notice to the local bar association, every judge serving in the county, county prosecutor, county public defender, and every attorney who is on the court's roster for appointment to provide indigent defense.

Provides that when a county transfers indigent defense services to OPD and the transferring county operates a county public defender office at the time of the transfer, the employees of the transferring county public defender may be transferred to employees of the OPD as OPD determines necessary for successful implementation of the pilot, to the extent possible, with no loss of service credit.

Authorizes the pilot to operate during the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium.

PUBCD3 Northwest Regional Hub Support**Section: 371.30**

Requires that GRF ALI 019406, Northwest Regional Hub Support, be used by OPD to pay for costs of providing indigent defense services as part of the Northwest Regional Hub pilot program in Allen, Hardin, and Putnam counties.

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DPSCD40 Representation for sworn officers in criminal complaints

R.C. 109.872

Allows the Governor or the Governor's designee, at their discretion, to approve legal representation for a sworn employee as described below.

Allows a sworn employee who was involved in a use of force incident that resulted in physical harm or death to another individual to apply for legal representation if the use of force was within the scope of that employee's official duties.

Requires the sworn employee's appointing authority to pay the costs of that representation.

Defines "sworn employee" as:

- (a) Enforcement agents appointed to enforce Ohio's liquor laws and rules regulating the use of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits (i.e. Ohio Investigative Unit);
- (b) The Superintendent and troopers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol;
- (c) Special police officers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol; and
- (d) Other employees of any department, agency, or board of this state who are under the executive branch and ultimately report to the Governor and are authorized to investigate, execute the laws of the state, protect public safety, or enforce the laws of this state as part of their job duties.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs for a sworn employee's appointing authority if legal representation is requested and approved.

DPSCD28 Objections to Registrar of Motor Vehicles orders

R.C. 119.062

Changes the deadline for an appeal of an order of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles from within 15 days of the "date of service" of the order as in current law to within 15 days of the order's mailing date to the party.

Changes the deadline for an objection to a report and recommendation issued after an adjudication hearing concerning an order of the Registrar from within 10 days of the "date of service" of the report on the objecting party as in current law to within 15 days of the report's mailing date to the objecting party.

Fiscal effect: Negligible.

DPSCD37 Public records exemption: automated license plate readers

R.C. 149.43

Exempts images and data captured by an automated license plate recognition system that are maintained in a law enforcement database from the public records law.

Fiscal effect: Potential savings for law enforcement agencies if such images or data, which may or may not be considered a public record and require redaction under current law, are not subject to release.

Executive**DPSCD38 Public records exemption for specific investigatory work product****R.C. 149.43**

Exempts specific records developed during an investigation by the investigating officer, agent of an investigative agency, or prosecuting attorney, from the public records law.

Fiscal effect: Potential administrative cost savings 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.

DPSCD32 Limited term commercial driver's license**R.C. 3501.01, 4506.14, 4507.061, 4507.09**

Modifies laws related to commercial driver's licenses issued to temporary residents as follows:

Excludes the license as a form of photo identification for voting.

Makes the laws consistent with the federal REAL ID Act and state law for the issuance of a limited term driver's license.

Clarifies that the expiration date is the earlier of the expiration date of the holder's authorized stay in the U.S. or four years, or is one year if there is no expiration date of the temporary resident's authorized stay in the U.S.

Authorizes renewal of the license, provided the temporary resident can verify his or her continued lawful status in the U.S., but specifies that the renewal may not take place online.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal one-time costs to bring the limited term commercial driver's license in line with the limited term driver's license and federal law.

DPSCD35 Electronic documents**R.C. 4501.027**

Authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and a deputy registrar to accept electronically: (1) documents that are required to accompany the services and transactions that the BMV conducts electronically or online; and (2) documents approved by the Registrar for electronic or online submission and acceptance.

Fiscal effect: None; potentially streamlines administrative processes and procedures.

Executive

DPSCD36 Additional motor vehicle registration and renewal fees

R.C. 4503.10

Increases the additional annual motor vehicle registration and renewal fees (used for ODPS's costs to administer and enforce the motor vehicles and traffic laws) by \$10, beginning January 1, 2026, as follows: (1) from \$11 to \$21 for noncommercial vehicles, and (2) from \$30 to \$40 for non-apportioned commercial vehicles.

Fiscal effect: Potential revenue gain of up to \$129.9 million or more annually for the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0), which receives the additional registration and renewal fees (based on 12,990,409 non-commercial and non-apportioned commercial vehicles registered in 2023).

DPSCD27 Motor vehicle registration by phone

R.C. 4503.102

Eliminates the existing requirement that the BMV accept motor vehicle registration payments via telephone.

Fiscal effect: None; the telephone number will still exist to provide other forms of BMV support and customer service.

DPSCD41 Online motor vehicle registrations

R.C. 4503.102

Authorizes a person to apply for an initial registration and a transfer of registration for a motor vehicle through the online system established by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, similar to registration renewals under current law.

Requires the Registrar or deputy registrar to verify and authenticate any associated documents submitted electronically with those registrations.

Allocates the service fee to whoever verifies and authenticates the documents and the postage costs to whoever mails the certificate of registration and associated license plates to the applicant.

Fiscal effect: Potential shifting of workload and related service fee revenue from deputy registrars to the BMV for initial registration and transfer of registration transactions conducted online instead of in-person; potentially results in administrative efficiencies related to initial vehicle registrations by allowing them to take place electronically in addition to in-person.

DPSCD33 Financial responsibility statement

R.C. 4503.20

Removes the following requirements regarding the proof of financial responsibility statement provided at the time of motor vehicle registration: (1) that the person registering the motor vehicle separately sign the statement; (2) that the person be given and sign a separate form listing the penalties for failure to have proof of financial responsibility; and (3) that a motor vehicle dealer obtain the separate signatures and forward them to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles when registering the vehicle on behalf of a purchaser or lessor.

Fiscal effect: None; streamlines the vehicle registration process.

Executive

DPSCD23 Disabled veterans: registration transfer fee**R.C. 4503.29, 4503.41**

Eliminates the \$1 transfer fee that generally applies when a person transfers a registration and license plate from one vehicle to another if the license plate is: (1) a license plate honoring military service or a military award issued to a disabled veteran; or (2) a disabled veteran license plate issued to a disabled veteran.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal loss of registration and license plate transfer fee revenue received by the BMV annually. (In CY 2023, there were 124 active "Disabled American Veteran" license plates and 166,050 active license plates honoring military service or a military award however, there is no breakdown by disability status.)

DPSCD31 "Blackout" license plates**R.C. 4503.511, Section 820.80**

Allows the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, effective January 1, 2026, to issue "Blackout" license plates, which have a black background with white lettering and do not display the slogan "Birthplace of Aviation" or county identification stickers.

Requires a \$20 contribution for issuance of the license plate and a \$10 BMV administration fee, both credited to the Public Safety - Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0).

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase for the BMV to produce and issue blackout license plates to be offset by the \$10 BMV fee; gain of \$20 for Fund 5TM0 for each "Blackout" license plate issued or renewed.

DPSCD20 Certificate of title fee increase**R.C. 4505.09, 4519.59, Section 820.80**

Increases by \$3 (from \$15 to \$18) beginning January 1, 2026, the general certificate of title fee required for most motor vehicles, all-purpose vehicles, and off-highway motorcycles and allocates the increase to the Security, Investigations, and Policing Fund (Fund 8400), which is used by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for certain security and investigation operations.

Fiscal effect: Potential revenue gain of up to \$16.1 million or more annually (based on 5,379,301 certificates of title issued in CY 2023) for Fund 8400.

DPSCD22 Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse notifications**R.C. 4506.01, 4506.05, 4506.07, 4506.13**

Updates Ohio Commercial Motor Vehicle Laws to reflect federal requirements relating to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (DAC) notifications to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, as follows:

Prohibits a commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit (CLP) or commercial driver's license (CDL) holder from operating a commercial motor vehicle if the driver has violated certain alcohol and controlled substance prohibitions;

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Prohibits the Registrar from issuing, renewing, or upgrading a CLP or CDL if the Registrar receives notice from the DAC of that alcohol and controlled substance violation;

Establishes procedures for the Registrar to downgrade a CLP or CDL in order to remove the driver's privileges to operate a commercial motor vehicle, after receiving notice from the DAC; and

Establishes procedures for the Registrar to reinstate a CLP or CDL if the Registrar receives notice from the DAC that the driver is no longer prohibited from or was erroneously identified as prohibited from operating a commercial motor vehicle.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal one-time costs to ensure that Ohio's CDL law remains in compliance with federal laws pertaining to the issuance of CDLs.

DPSCD17 Seat belt usage as primary offense

R.C. 4507.05, 4507.071, 4511.043, 4511.81, 4513.263, 307.515, 733.40, 2152.21, 4501.11, 4513.35, 5503.04

Makes the following offenses primary offenses, rather than a secondary offenses as under current law:

Failure to wear a properly adjusted seat belt as either the operator or front-seat passenger of an automobile;

Failure to properly secure a child in the appropriate booster seat or seat belt, according to the child's age, weight, height, and manufacturer's instructions;

Failure for all passengers to wear a seat belt in a motor vehicle driven by an operator who has a learner's permit or a probationary driver's license.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in costs to adjudicate violations and sanction offenders. Potential gain in fine revenue.

DPSCD25 Medically restricted driver's license

R.C. 4507.08

Eliminates the six-month validity period for a medically restricted driver's license and instead requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to determine the validity period.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

DPSCD26 Ohio credential reprints

R.C. 4507.40

Allows a person to obtain up to two reprints of an Ohio credential, such as a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card, rather than one reprint as in current law.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs for the BMV to produce and issue additional credential reprints, which would be offset by the applicable fee required to obtain the reprint (varies by type of credential) plus a \$5 service fee.

Executive

DPSCD29 Expedited Ohio credential**R.C. 4507.41, Section 820.80**

Allows the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, beginning January 1, 2026, to offer an expedited process for issuing an Ohio credential, such as a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card.

Requires a \$100 administration fee for expedited issuance in addition to regular fees, taxes, and mailing costs, and requires the administration fee and mailing costs be credited to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0).

Authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules to implement the expedited credentials program and exempts those rules from the law governing regulatory restrictions.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal one-time and ongoing increase in administrative costs for the BMV to implement an expedited credentials program and to issue expedited credentials; offset by the \$100 administration fee and applicable mailing costs imposed to obtain an expedited credential.

DPSCD39 Driver training in schools grant program**R.C. 4508.023**

Creates the Driver Training in Schools Grant Program and authorizes ODPS to administer and distribute grants to schools to provide driver training courses approved by the ODPS Director.

Makes schools eligible for grants under the program regardless of whether the school develops and provides its own driver training course or contracts with a private third party to develop and provide a driver training course.

Authorizes ODPS to adopt rules for the purpose of implementing and administering the grant program.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs for ODPS to establish and administer the grant program; funding for the grant program is supported by the Adult Use Tax Fund (Fund QG18).

DPSCD34 Request for administrative hearing**R.C. 4509.101**

Extends, from 10 to 15 days, the time in which a person who is adversely impacted by a driver's license suspension order issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for failure to have proof of financial responsibility must request an administrative hearing.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

DPSCD18 Ignition interlock device violations**R.C. 4510.01, 4510.13, 4510.46**

Adds two circumstances that constitute an ignition interlock device violation for purposes of extending a driver's license suspension or requiring additional continuous alcohol monitoring for an OVI offender:

Executive

(1) The ignition interlock device detects the presence of alcohol in the offender's breath in a concentration above the preset level during operation of the vehicle, but after the device allowed the vehicle to start; and

(2) The driver fails to provide a deep-lung breath sample or similar method sample in the amount of time required by the device during operation of the vehicle, but after the device allowed the vehicle to start.

Fiscal effect: Minimal, if the county indigent driver's interlock and alcohol monitoring fund is used to pay for additional monitoring.

DPSCD24 Restricted license: ignition interlock device designation

R.C. 4510.022, 4510.13, 4510.07

Authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to include a code, in addition to the printed statement under current law, on a restricted license indicating that the licensee is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a certified ignition interlock device.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in costs if the Registrar chooses to include a code on restricted licenses.

DPSCD19 Distracted Driving: failure to control a vehicle

R.C. 4511.202, 4511.991

Adds failure to control a vehicle to the list of offenses for which additional fines may be imposed if a person violates such an offense while distracted.

Fiscal effect: Potential gain in fine revenue retained by the county or credited to the Security, Investigations, and Policing Fund (Fund 8400) if the offender was cited by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

DPSCD30 Tobacco sales and enforcement agents

R.C. 5502.14

Authorizes enforcement agents employed by ODPS to enforce the law governing the unlawful distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and alternative nicotine products on the premises of a licensed retail dealer of cigarettes or on any other premises where a violation of that law is occurring.

Fiscal effect: None; clarifies existing authority.

DPSCD21 Emergency management compact immunity

R.C. 5502.30

Applies the immunity provision of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, which currently applies only to an employee of a political subdivision rendering aid in another state, to any person deployed by an emergency management agency to render aid in another state, including: (1) an employee of a political subdivision or a nonprofit organization or (2) a paid or unpaid volunteer or health care worker of a for-profit or nonprofit organization.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

Executive**DPSCD1 Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement****Section: 373.20**

Earmarks the following in each fiscal year for GRF ALI 761403, Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement:

- (1) Up to \$2,900,000 to be used to support local law enforcement narcotics task forces that focus on cartel trafficking interdiction. Requires the interdiction task forces to be designated Ohio Organized Crime Commission task forces subject to approval and supervision of the Commission. Permits the money to also be used to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies, by the Commission for task force-related equipment purchases, and for operating expenses of the Office of Criminal Justice Services related to the narcotics interdiction task force program.
- (2) Up to \$2,500,000 for narcotics task forces in order to build new and strengthen existing partnerships with local law enforcement, for local law enforcement agencies, and for operating expenses of the Office of Criminal Justice Services related to the Ohio narcotics task force program.
- (3) Up to \$600,000 to be used to partner with the DAS Office of Information Technology to enhance and maintain a uniform records management and data intelligence system, and provide case management, collaboration, data sharing, and data analytics tools for Ohio narcotics task forces and law enforcement agencies.

DPSCD2 Local Disaster Assistance**Section: 373.20**

Reappropriates the available balance of GRF ALI 763511, Local Disaster Assistance, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026, respectively, to the following fiscal year, for the April 17, 2018, and April 8, 2019, Major Disaster Declarations.

DPSCD3 Security Grants**Section: 373.30**

Requires GRF ALI 763513, Security Grants, be used to make competitive grants of up to \$100,000 to nonprofit organizations, houses of worship, chartered nonpublic schools, and licensed preschools for the following: (a) eligible security improvements to protect against acts of terrorism; (b) resource officers, special duty police officers, and licensed armed security guards; (c) lease or purchase of qualified security equipment; (d) placing qualified equipment at alternative locations; and (e) coordinated training.

Requires the Ohio EMA to administer and award the grants, as well as establish procedures and forms by which applicants may apply for a grant, a competitive process for ranking applicants and awarding the grants, and procedures for distributing grants.

Requires the Ohio EMA to post information about the grants and application process on its website.

Reappropriates the available balance of GRF ALI 763513, Security Grants, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026, respectively, to the following fiscal year.

DPSCD4 Justice Program Services**Section: 373.30**

Earmarks the following amounts from GRF ALI 768425, Justice Program Services, for use by the Office of Criminal Justice Services:

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- (1) Up to \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year to administer and distribute grants to state and local law enforcement agencies for body-worn camera programs.
- (2) Up to \$4,531,000 in each fiscal year to support anti-human trafficking efforts in the areas of prosecution, victim services to specifically include assistance for child victims, and priorities of the Governor's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force.
- (3) Up to \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year to administer and distribute grants to local law enforcement agencies to assist local communities in reducing and preventing crime through crime reduction strategies, including overtime, equipment, technical assistance, and analytical support to implement such strategies.
- (4) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for grants to state and local law enforcement to conduct investigations on sexual assault kit testing results and related expenditures.
- (5) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to support state and local law enforcement agencies in the recruitment, hiring, and training of qualified individuals to serve as peace officers; to support state and local first responder agencies in mental, physical, and emotional wellness; and to administer and distribute grants to state and local first responder agencies to assist in recruitment, retention, and wellness of their workforce.
- (6) Up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year for the purposes of implementing recommendations of the Governor's Warrant Task Force.

DPSCD5 Driver training in schools grant program**Section: 373.30**

Requires Fund QG18 ALI 769639, Safe Driving Program, be used by ODPS, in consultation with DEW, to administer the driver training in schools grant program established in R.C. 4508.023.

DPSCD6 Motor vehicle registration**Section: 373.40**

Permits the ODPS Director to deposit certain motor vehicle registration fee revenues to meet the cash needs of the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0).

Requires the revenues that are deposited to be used to support in part appropriations for the administration and enforcement of laws relative to the operation and registration of motor vehicles, and for payment of highway obligations and other statutory highway purposes.

Requires these revenues be paid into Fund 5TM0 before being paid into any other fund.

Requires that the deposit of these revenues be in approximately equal amounts on a monthly basis or as otherwise approved by the OBM Director.

Requires the ODPS Director, prior to the start of each fiscal year, to submit a plan to the OBM Director requesting approval of the anticipated revenue amounts to be deposited into Fund 5TM0.

Requires the ODPS Director, if during the fiscal year changes to the plan as approved by the OBM Director are necessary, to submit a revised plan to the OBM Director for approval prior to any change in the deposit of revenues.

Executive

DPSCD7 Validation sticker requirement**Section: 373.40**

Specifies that validation stickers are required for the annual registration of passenger, commercial, motorcycle, and other vehicles.

Permits the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules authorizing validation stickers to be produced at any location.

DPSCD8 Operating expense – Highway Patrol**Section: 373.40**

Requires revenue derived from the Highway Safety fee increase prescribed in R.C. 4503.10 that applies to any vehicle registration or renewal beginning January 1, 2026, be used exclusively for the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

DPSCD9 Cash transfers to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund – Shipley upgrades**Section: 373.50**

Permits the OBM Director, pursuant to a plan submitted by the ODPS Director or as otherwise determined by the OBM Director and upon approval of CEB, to make appropriate cash transfers on a pro-rata basis from other funds used by ODPS, excluding the Public Safety Building Fund (Fund 7025), to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0) in order to reimburse expenditures for capital upgrades to the Shipley Building.

DPSCD10 Cash balance fund review**Section: 373.50**

Requires the ODPS Director to review the cash balances for each fund in the State Highway Safety Fund Group and permits the Director to submit a written request to the OBM Director to transfer amounts from any of those funds to the credit of the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0), as appropriate.

Permits the OBM Director, upon receipt of such a request, and subject to the approval of CEB, to make appropriate transfers as requested by the ODPS Director or as otherwise determined by the OBM Director.

DPSCD11 Cash transfers to the Security, Investigations, and Policing Fund**Section: 373.50**

Permits the OBM Director, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon written request of the ODPS Director to approve the transfer of cash from the State Highway Patrol Contraband, Forfeiture, and Other Fund (Fund 83C0) to the Security, Investigations and Policing Fund (Fund 8400).

DPSCD12 Transfer from State Fire Marshal Fund to Emergency Management Agency Service Reimbursement Fund**Section: 373.50**

Requires the OBM Director, in each fiscal year, to transfer \$450,000 from the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) used by COM to the Emergency Management Agency Service and Reimbursement Fund (Fund 4V30) used by ODPS.

Executive

Makes the following earmarks of Fund 4V30 ALI 763662, EMA Service and Reimbursements:

- (1) \$250,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to the Ohio Task Force One – Urban Search and Rescue Unit to pay for its operating expenses and developing new programs.
- (2) \$200,000 in each fiscal year be distributed to the Ohio Task Force One – Urban Search and Rescue Unit, other similar urban search and rescue programs around the state, and for maintenance of the statewide fire emergency response by an entity recognized by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

DPSCD13 State Disaster Relief**Section: 373.50**

Permits the State Disaster Relief Fund (Fund 5330) to be used for the following purposes:

- (a) To accept transfers of cash or appropriations from CEB ALIs for Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) disaster response and disaster program management costs.
- (b) To accept transfers of cash or appropriations from CEB ALIs for Ohio EMA recovery and mitigation program match costs to reimburse eligible local governments and private nonprofit organizations for disaster-related costs.
- (c) To accept transfers of cash or appropriations from CEB ALIs to cover costs incurred and to reimburse government entities for Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) missions.
- (d) To accept disaster-related reimbursement from federal, state, and local governments. Permits the OBM Director to transfer cash from reimbursements received by Fund 5330 to other state funds from which transfers were originally approved by CEB.
- (e) To accept transfers of cash or appropriations from CEB ALIs to fund the State Disaster Relief Program, for disasters qualifying for the program by written authorization of the Governor, and the State Individual Assistance Program for disasters that have been declared by the federal Small Business Administration and that qualify for the program by written authorization of the Governor.

Permits Fund 5330 to accept, hold, administer and expend any cash received from a gift, donation, bequest, devise or contribution.

DPSCD14 Drug Law Enforcement Fund**Section: 373.50**

Limits the cumulative amount of funding provided to any single drug task force out of the Drug Law Enforcement Fund (Fund 5ET0) during the biennium to not more than \$500,000 in any calendar year.

DPSCD15 SARA Title III HAZMAT Planning**Section: 373.50**

Authorizes the SARA Title III HAZMAT Planning Fund (Fund 6810) to receive grants from the Emergency Response Commission to implement the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's responsibilities.

Executive

DPSCD16 Collective bargaining increases

Section: 373.60

Permits CEB, upon the request of either the OBM Director or the ODPS Director with the approval of the OBM Director, to authorize expenditures in excess of appropriations and transfer appropriations, as necessary, for any fund used by ODPS, except for the GRF, to assist in paying the employee compensation cost increases that have occurred pursuant to collective bargaining agreements and for exempt employees. Appropriates any money approved for this expenditure.

DPSCD42 GRF cash transfer to the eWarrant Local Integration Fund

Section: 512.10

Permits the OBM Director to transfer \$4,000,000 cash in FY 2026 from the GRF to the eWarrant Local Integration Fund (Fund 5AZ1).

Executive**PUCCD2 Rehearing request****R.C. 4903.10**

Stipulates that a final order issued by PUCO is affirmed by operation of law if PUCO does not affirm, abrogate, or modify the original order within 150 days of the date it granted a rehearing request.

Fiscal effect: None.**PUCCD6 Electric light company****R.C. 4905.03**

Excludes a facility for the production of electricity from being an "electric light company" in the public utilities law if it is located on a customer-generator's premises or, for mercantile customers, within the certified territory of the electric utility providing service to the mercantile customer, operates in parallel with the electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities, and is primarily intended to offset part or all of the customer-generator's or mercantile customer's electricity requirements.

Fiscal effect: Potential savings in PUCO's administrative costs through decreased regulatory oversight and compliance requirements.**PUCCD4 Net metering systems****R.C. 4928.01, 4928.67**

Modifies the definition of "net metering system" to include facilities that use fully dispatchable green energy as fuel and facilities not located on the customer-generator's premises but within the certified territory of the electric utility serving a mercantile customer.

Requires mercantile customers with off-site net metering systems to be billed for the net electricity supplied by the utility if the electricity provided exceeds the electricity generated and fed back by the customer-generator during the billing period, and for distribution and transmission services for all electricity used, according to the rates and charges in the utility's tariffs.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs to regulate modified net metering systems.**PUCCD5 Competitive retail electric service state policy****R.C. 4928.02**

Modifies the existing competitive retail electric service state policy by encouraging the development of customer-sited generation and expanding the current policy to ensure that a customer-generator or owner can market and deliver the electricity it produces to apply to marketing and delivering that electricity through power purchase agreements or other contractual agreements.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

PUCCD3 Customer sited green energy resource**R.C. 4928.47**

Allows an electric distribution utility to enter into an agreement with a mercantile customer or group of mercantile customers to construct a customer sited "green energy resource" in Ohio (in addition to customer sited renewable energy resources allowed under current law).

Fiscal effect: Potential indirect revenue increases as the inclusion of natural gas in green energy resources could boost development, leading to higher tax revenue.

PUCCD7 Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) Rider creation and Universal Service Rider repeal**R.C. 4928.52, 4928.53, 4928.54, 4928.542, 4928.543, 4928.544, 4928.545**

Replaces the Universal Service rider with the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) rider on retail electric distribution rates as determined by PUCO.

Requires the PIPP rider to recover the prudently incurred costs of providing the PIPP program for each electric distribution utility (EDU), the EDUs' allocated shares for funding the low-income customer assistance programs administered by ODJFS, according to each electric distribution utility's annual distribution service revenues, and any amount necessary to fund administrative costs of the low-income customer assistance programs.

Requires each EDU's allocation to include a separately designated allocation equal to the EDU's share of an amount not to exceed \$15 million annually for funding the consumer education program and requires each EDU to remit to ODJFS the EDU's allocated share for the consumer education program and its administrative costs of the low-income customer assistance programs by June 30 each year.

Requires PUCO to administer the PIPP rider and perform periodic audits of each EDU's PIPP rider, and requires PUCO to adopt rules for the administration of the PIPP rider and to cooperate with, and provide assistance to, the ODJFS Director regarding low-income customer assistance program administration.

Requires PUCO (instead of DEV) to establish a competitive procurement process for the supply of competitive retail electric service for PIPP program customers and to aggregate program customers for this purpose.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs for ODJFS and PUCO and potential decrease in costs for DEV, both likely minimal. The Universal Service Fund (Fund 5M40) collected over \$357 million in FY 2024. Costs for agencies for this purpose are reimbursed by the PIPP rider, paid by electric consumers. Potential minimal change in costs of electricity for the state and local governments as ratepayers.

Executive

RACCD1 Penalties imposed by State Racing Commission

R.C. 3769.03

Increases, from \$10,000 to \$50,000, the maximum fine that RAC may impose on a person who violates a RAC rule or order. Allows RAC to fine a violator an additional amount to cover RAC's costs incurred in hearing the matter.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase of tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Racing Commission Operating Fund (5650).

RACCD2 Penalties imposed by horse racing stewards and judges

R.C. 3769.091

Increases, from \$1,000 to \$50,000, the maximum fine that a horse racing steward or judge may impose on a person who violates a rule or order of RAC. If the violator appeals a penalty imposed by a steward or judge, and RAC determines that a violation occurred, allows RAC to fine the violator an additional amount to cover RAC's costs incurred in hearing the appeal.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase of tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Racing Commission Operating Fund (5650).

Executive

DRCCD9 Confidentiality of victim statements

R.C. 149.43, 2967.12

Specifies that written and oral statements provided by a victim or victim's representative to DRC in connection with the pendency of any pardon, commutation, or parole are confidential and privileged statements, are not public records, and are not subject to subpoena or discovery.

Prohibits those victim statements from being admissible in evidence in any action.

Fiscal effect: None.

DRCCD10 Records related to incarcerated people and supervisees

R.C. 149.43, 5120.21

Restates that records pertaining to inmates committed to DRC and persons under Adult Parole Authority supervision are not public records, except for the following: (1) name, (2) criminal convictions, (3) photograph, (4) supervision status including current and past place of incarceration, (5) and disciplinary history.

Fiscal effect: This appears to clarify current practice, thus there would be no fiscal impact.

DRCCD7 Commitment to DRC

R.C. 2151.311, 2152.26, 2967.28, 5120.16

Permits a court of common pleas to enter into an agreement with DRC under which persons may be electronically committed to DRC.

Requires that persons sentenced to DRC, or to any institution or place within DRC, be conveyed by the sheriff initially to an appropriate facility established and maintained by DRC, or committed electronically for reception, examination, observation, and classification.

Requires the sheriff to convey the sentenced person to DRC or electronically commit the sentenced person to DRC prior to removal of an individual on an out of jurisdiction detainer.

Requires an offender to be committed to DRC before post-release control may be imposed.

Fiscal effect: None, largely codifies current practice.

DRCCD6 Illegal conveyance of weapon or communications device

R.C. 2921.36

Requires the court to impose a mandatory prison term if a DYS employee is guilty of illegal conveyance of a weapon onto the grounds of a detention facility.

Increases the penalty for illegal conveyance of a communications device onto the grounds of a specified governmental facility from a first degree misdemeanor to a fifth degree felony, and the penalty for a repeat violation from a fifth degree felony to a third degree felony.

Executive

Specifies that the penalty for illegal conveyance of a communications device onto the grounds of a specified governmental facility is a third degree felony if the offender is a DRC or DYS employee, and requires the court to impose a mandatory prison term.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs for DRC if longer sentences are served.

DRCCD1 Expedited pardon initiative

Section: 383.20

Earmarks up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year of GRF ALI 501321, Institutional Operations, to be used by DRC to support projects connecting rehabilitated citizens with community projects to advance the expedited pardon initiative and to help eligible individuals navigate the process and access clemency.

DRCCD2 OSU medical charges

Section: 383.20

Requires The Ohio State University Medical Center, including the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute and the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, at the request of DRC, to provide necessary care to persons who are confined in state adult correctional facilities.

Requires the provision of necessary inpatient care billed to DRC to be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed the authorized reimbursement rate for the same service established by ODM under the Medicaid Program.

DRCCD3 Transitional housing funding

Section: 383.20

Requires, with regard to use of GRF ALI 501405, Reentry, Housing, and Support Services, priority be given to residential providers that accept and place individuals released from institutions operated by DRC to the supervision of the Adult Parole Authority who were previously rejected by all other residential providers.

DRCCD4 Adult Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments

Section: 383.20

Requires GRF ALI 501406, Adult Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used to meet all payments during the biennium by DRC for leases and agreements for buildings. Specifies that the ALI is the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under the state’s capital improvements and debt financing program.

DRCCD5 Probation Improvement and Incentive Grants

Section: 383.20

Requires GRF ALI 501411, Probation Improvement and Incentive Grants, to be allocated by DRC to municipalities as grants with an emphasis on: (1) providing services to those addicted to opiates and other illegal substances, and (2) supplementing the programs and services funded by grants distributed from GRF ALI 501407, Community Nonresidential Programs.

Executive**RDFCD1 Local Government allocations****R.C. 131.51, Section 387.20**

Increases the Local Government Fund (LGF; Fund 7069) shares of monthly General Revenue Fund tax revenue from 1.7% to 1.75%.

Fiscal effect: The Executive estimates additional transfers from the GRF to LGF of \$15 million in FY 2026 and \$16 million in FY 2027.

RDFCD2 Public Library Fund allocations**R.C. 131.51, Section 387.20**

Increases the Public Library Fund (PLF; Fund 7065) shares of monthly General Revenue Fund tax revenue from 1.7% to 1.75%.

Fiscal effect: The Executive estimates additional transfers from the GRF to PLF of \$15 million in FY 2026 and \$16 million in FY 2027.

RDFCD3 Additional Appropriations**Section: 387.20**

Requires all RDF ALIs to be used to administer and distribute revenue distribution funds according to codified law. Appropriates any additional amounts determined to be necessary for this purpose.

RDFCD4 Tangible Property Tax Replacement Payments**Section: 387.20**

Requires payments to school districts and joint vocational school districts (JVSDs) to replace the loss in district tax revenues due to the phase-out of general business tangible personal property (TPP) taxes, and changes in the taxation of utilities, to be paid from the GRF under ALI 200417, Personal Property Tax Replacement Phase-Out – School District, and ALI 110403, Personal Property Tax Replacement Phase Out – Local Government.

Requires any school district with a nuclear power plant located within its territory to receive no less in payments to replace the loss in district tax revenues due to the phase-out of general business TPP taxes, and changes in the taxation of utilities, in fiscal year 2027 than paid in fiscal year 2026.

RDFCD5 Property tax reimbursement - Education**Section: 387.20**

Requires GRF ALI 200903, Property Tax Reimbursement - Education, to be used for paying the state's costs incurred because of the property tax rollback, the homestead exemption, and certain other property tax exemptions. Requires EDU, in cooperation with TAX, to distribute these funds directly to the appropriate school districts. Appropriates any additional sums that may be needed to make these payments. Requires each school district to distribute these payments among the proper funds as if they had been paid as real or tangible personal property taxes. Requires payments for the costs of administration to be paid to the county treasurer and county auditor for the subsequent distribution to the appropriate school districts as prescribed by law.

Executive**RDFCD6 Homestead exemption, property tax rollback****Section: 387.20**

Requires GRF ALI 110908, Property Tax Reimbursement - Local Government, to be used for paying the state's costs incurred due to the homestead exemption, the manufactured home property tax rollback, and the property tax rollback. Requires the Tax Commissioner to distribute these funds directly to the appropriate local taxing districts, except for school districts. Requires each local taxing district to distribute the amount received among the proper funds as if it had been paid as real property taxes. Appropriates any additional sums that may be needed to make these payments. Requires payments for the costs of administration to be paid to the county treasurer and county auditor for the subsequent redistribution to the appropriate local taxing districts as prescribed by law.

RDFCD7 Municipal income tax**Section: 387.20**

Requires Fund 7095 ALI 110995, Municipal Income Tax, to be used to distribute the municipal income taxes collected at the state level back to municipal corporations. Appropriates additional amounts that are needed to make such payments.

RDFCD8 Municipal net profit tax**Section: 387.20**

Requires Fund 5VR0 ALI 110902, Municipal Net Profit Tax, be used to distribute the municipal net profit taxes collected at the state level back to municipal corporations. Appropriates additional amounts determined to be necessary to make such payments.

Requires the Tax Commissioner to certify to the OBM Director the amount of additional cash necessary to meet monthly distribution obligations to municipal corporations if insufficient cash exists in the Municipal Net Profit Tax Fund (Fund 5VR0) for this purpose in FY 2026 and FY 2027. Requires the Commissioner to submit a plan, including a proposed repayment schedule to reimburse funds for any cash transferred for this purpose, to the Director requesting the necessary cash be transferred from one or a combination of the following funds: the Municipal Income Tax Administrative Fund, the Local Sales Tax Administrative Fund, the General School District Income Tax Administrative Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Administrative Fund, the Property Tax Administrative Fund, or the GRF. Allows the Director to transfer the cash to the Municipal Net Profit Tax Fund and reimburse the funds from which the cash was transferred.

Executive

SOSCD1 Poll Workers Training**Section: 395.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 050407, Poll Workers Training, be used to reimburse county boards of elections for precinct election official training.

SOSCD2 County Voting Systems Lease Rental Payments**Section: 395.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 050509, County Voting System Lease Rental Payments, be used to make payments during the biennium pursuant to leases and agreements entered into under Section 4 of S.B. 135 of the 132nd G.A., that were used to finance the costs of acquiring, developing, installing, and implementing county voting systems.

SOSCD3 Board of Voting Machine Examiners**Section: 395.20**

Requires Fund 4S80 ALI 050610, Board of Voting Machine Examiners, to be used for the services and expenses of the members of the Board of Voting Machine Examiners and for other expenses that are authorized to be paid from Fund 4S80. Requires that unused money be returned to the person or entity submitting equipment for examination. Permits the SOS to request that the OBM Director approve additional expenditures if necessary, and appropriates the additional amounts approved.

SOSCD4 Ballot Advertising Costs**Section: 395.20**

Allows CEB, upon request of the SOS, to approve cash transfers from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Statewide Ballot Advertising Fund (Fund 5FH0) to pay the cost of public notices associated with statewide ballot initiatives.

SOSCD5 Absent Voter's Ballot Application Mailing**Section: 395.20**

Authorizes CEB, upon request of SOS, to approve cash and appropriation transfers from Fund 5KM0 to the Absent Voter's Ballot Application Mailing Fund (Fund 5RG0) to print and mail unsolicited applications for absent voters' ballots for the November 2026 general election.

SOSCD6 Address Confidentiality Program**Section: 395.20**

Authorizes the OBM Director, upon request of the SOS, to transfer up to \$400,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Business Services Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 5990) to the Address Confidentiality Program Fund (Fund 5SN0).

Executive

SOSCD7 Corporate/Business Filing Refunds

Section: 395.20

Requires that Fund R0002 ALI 050606, Corporate/Business Filing Refunds, be used to hold revenues until they are directed to appropriate accounts or until they are refunded. Appropriates additional amounts deemed necessary by the SOS and approved by the OBM Director.

SOSCD8 HAVA Funds

Section: 395.20

Reappropriates the available balance of Fund 3AS0 ALI 050616, Help America Vote Act (HAVA), at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026, for the same purposes in the following fiscal years.

SOSCD9 Electronic Pollbooks

Section: 395.30

Extends through FY 2027, the provisions that require the SOS, through Fund 5ZE0 ALI 050638, Electronic Pollbooks, to reimburse county boards of elections up to 85% of the total calculated allocation cost to acquire electronic pollbooks and ancillary equipment as defined by R.C. 3506.05.

Reappropriates the available balance of Fund 5ZE0 ALI 050638, Electronic Pollbooks, at the end of FY 2025 for the same purposes in FY 2026.

Requires the SOS to calculate the portion of appropriation item 050638, Electronic Pollbooks, to be allocated to each county board of elections in proportion to the number of registered voters in each county as recorded in the statewide voter registration database as of July 1, 2022. Requires that SOS, in conjunction with DAS Procurement Services, use the funding allocated to each county to reimburse them for the cost of acquiring electronic pollbooks and ancillary equipment according to certain guidelines.

Executive

CSFCD1 Debt service costs

Section: 401.20

Specifies that ALLs of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are for paying debt service and financing costs during the biennium on state-issued bonds or notes. Appropriates additional amounts, if necessary, to meet these payments.

Executive

Personal Income Tax**TAXCD43 Disclose Ohio employee withholding account numbers****R.C. 5703.21**

Authorizes TAX, without violating the prohibition against divulging personal tax information, to disclose an employer's income tax withholding account number to permit a current or former employee to prepare the employee's tax return.

Fiscal effect: None.**TAXCD41 Income tax withholding bulk file program****R.C. 5747.01, 5747.07, 5747.073, Section 801.150**

Codifies practice of allowing payroll service companies to file employee income tax withholding returns on behalf of their employer clients.

Fiscal effect: None.**TAXCD54 Income tax: resident and nonresident credit computation****R.C. 5747.05, Section 757.10**

Clarifies that income used as the basis of computing the resident and nonresident tax credits is income calculated after taking the business income deduction, conforming with current administrative practice.

Fiscal effect: None.**TAXCD61 Refundable income tax credit for dependents under age 7****R.C. 5747.051, 5747.08, 5747.98, Section 801.30**

Authorizes, beginning in TY 2025, a refundable income tax credit of up to \$1,000 for each of a taxpayer's dependents aged 6 or under for taxpayers with a modified Ohio adjusted gross income (MAGI) of at least \$2,500, but no more than \$94,000 for spouses filing jointly, \$56,500 for spouses filing separately, and \$69,000 for all other taxpayers.

Establishes a credit phase-out income threshold of \$75,000 for spouses filing jointly, \$37,500 for spouses filing separately, and \$50,000 for all other taxpayers.

Calculates an eligible taxpayer's credit as follows: (1) For taxpayers below the phase-out threshold: the lesser of \$1,000 or 5% x (the taxpayer's MAGI – \$2,500) and (2) For taxpayers above the phase-out threshold: \$1,000 – 5% of (the taxpayer's MAGI, rounded up to the nearest \$1,000 – the phase-out threshold).

Fiscal effect: The executive budget proposal estimates the GRF tax revenue loss from this provision at \$450.0 million in FY 2026 and \$440.0 million in FY 2027.

Executive

TAXCD42 Income tax: withholding of gambling winnings

R.C. 5747.062, 5747.063, 5747.064, Section 801.120

Reduces the withholding rate on lottery, video lottery, sports gaming, and casino winnings income from 4% to 3.5%.

Fiscal effect: No direct fiscal effect because the taxpayer's liability is unchanged. The reduction from 4% to 3.5% keeps pace with reductions to Ohio's top marginal income tax rate.

TAXCD44 Income tax withholding from retirement benefits

R.C. 5747.071, Section 801.130

Authorizes retirement systems and plans to withhold school district income taxes and non-state retirement plans to withhold income taxes from a retiree's benefits.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD53 Penalty and interest for estimated tax underpayments

R.C. 5747.09, 5747.43, Section 801.40

Allows the tax commissioner to abate (refund or forgive) penalties and interest charged for failure to pay sufficient estimated state, school district, or certain pass-through entity income taxes.

Fiscal effect: May reduce payments for penalty and interest charges collected by TAX, at the discretion of the commissioner.

TAXCD55 Correction of erroneous income tax cross-reference

R.C. 5747.10

Corrects an erroneous cross-reference in a provision that deals with amended income tax returns.

Fiscal effect: None.

Sales and Use Taxes

TAXCD18 Watercraft and outboard motors sales tax remittance

R.C. 1548.06

Requires a clerk of court to remit sales and use tax from the sale of titled watercraft and outboard motors to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles instead of to TAX. Requires TAX to consult with DPS on the form of the remittance reports that must accompany the taxes collected.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

TAXCD12 Sales tax on nonresident purchases of watercraft

R.C. 5739.027

Requires that, when a nonresident purchases a watercraft or outboard motor in Ohio and intends to remove the property out of state, the sales tax due on the transaction equals 6%.

Fiscal effect: Undetermined decrease in tax revenue from the state and permissive (local) sales and use tax. Currently, the purchaser pays the lesser of the tax due (a) in the county of purchase or (b) in the location to which the property will be removed.

TAXCD14 Sales and use tax refund interest: direct pay permits

R.C. 5739.07, Section 801.160

Eliminates interest on sales and use tax refunds for sales tax and use tax paid pursuant to a direct payment permit, whereby a purchaser pays the tax directly to the state, as opposed to the vendor who makes the sale.

Fiscal effect: Undetermined decrease in expenses associated with interest payments from the state and permissive (local) sales and use tax revenue.

TAXCD13 Sales and use tax: suspension and revocation of vendor's licenses

R.C. 5739.31

Prohibits a vendor whose license has been suspended from obtaining a new license from any county auditor while the suspension remains in effect. Authorizes TAX to cancel any additional vendor license erroneously granted during the suspension period.

Fiscal effect: None. Continuing law may be interpreted to prohibit receiving a new license only from TAX or the auditor of the county that issued the suspended license.

TAXCD16 Sales and use tax: criminal penalties

R.C. 5739.99

Modifies sales and use tax criminal fraud and licensure offenses and penalties by classifying offenses to the closest classified misdemeanors based on their current penalties and applying more severe charges against repeat offenders.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in revenue from penalties. May also deter tax evasion by repeat offenders.

Commercial Activity Tax

Executive

TAXCD24 CAT credit for net operating losses

R.C. 5751.53, 5751.98

Converts a commercial activity tax (CAT) credit for certain net operating losses accrued under the defunct corporation franchise tax from a refundable to a nonrefundable credit after calendar year 2029.

Fiscal effect: Potential short-term revenue gain after 2029 by preventing up to an estimated \$200 million in refundable credits from being issued in 2030.

Cigarette Taxes

TAXCD29 Cigarette and tobacco products tax increase

R.C. 5743.01, 5743.02, 5743.025, 5743.05, 5743.32, 5743.51, 5743.62, 5743.63, Section 801.80

Increases the state cigarette tax from \$1.60 to \$3.10 per pack, the state tax on other tobacco products from 17% to 42% of the wholesale price (with the rate for little cigars rising from 37% to 42%), and the maximum tax on premium cigars from 64 cents to \$1.58 per cigar, beginning October 1, 2025.

Increases the tax rate on nicotine-based vapor products, from 10 cents to 20 cents per milliliter (liquid) or gram (non-liquid) of product, beginning October 1, 2025.

Modifies the tax discount that cigarette dealers receive as a commission for affixing tax stamps to cigarette packs, from 1.8% of the stamps' face value to 3 cents per stamp.

Fiscal effect: According to the executive proposal, the net effect of the policies is to increase GRF revenue by \$434 million in FY 2026 and \$463 million in FY 2027.

TAXCD28 Tobacco products and vapor tax: prompt-payment discount

R.C. 5743.52, 5743.62, Section 801.140

Discontinues, beginning in 2026, the discount of 2.5% of the amount of tax due provided to distributors of tobacco products or vapor products who timely file and pay their excise tax.

Fiscal effect: Revenue gains to the GRF of approximately \$1.5 million in FY 2026, and \$3.0 million annually starting in FY 2027.

TAXCD17 Cigarette, tobacco, and vapor tax: criminal penalties

R.C. 5743.99

Increases the penalty for a repeat violation of engaging in cigarette, tobacco product, or vapor product commerce without holding a TAX license, from a fourth degree to third degree misdemeanor.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in revenue from penalties.

Other Taxation Provisions

Executive

TAXCD23 Energy-efficient building federal tax deduction

R.C. 9.239

Removes the Tax Commissioner from a procedure by which the designer of a public building may request allocation of a federal income tax deduction for the design and installation of energy-efficient interior lighting, HVAC, hot water, or building envelope systems in public buildings.

Fiscal effect: None. The provision shifts the responsibility for requesting the federal income tax deduction from the Tax Commissioner to the public entity that owns the building.

TAXCD39 Petitions for Reassessment

R.C. 128.46, 718.90, 3734.907, 3769.088, 4305.131, 5726.20, 5727.26, 5727.47, 5727.89, 5728.10, 5735.12, 5736.09, 5739.13, 5743.081, 5743.56, 5745.12-5745.13 5747.13, 5749.07, 5751.09, 5753.07

Removes the requirement that taxpayers submit petitions for reassessment through personal service or certified mail. Removes the requirement that municipal corporations submit petitions challenging TAX's adjustment of an electric or telephone company's income apportionment for municipal utility income tax purposes personally or by certified mail and the requirement that TAX respond by ordinary mail to such petitions.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

TAXCD51 Increase historic building rehabilitation tax credit cap

R.C. 149.311

Permanently increases the annual cap on the Ohio historic building preservation tax credit from \$60 million to \$120 million per fiscal year.

Fiscal effect: Additional state revenue losses depend on the amount of historic building preservation tax credits awarded. Previously, the cap was temporarily increased by the same amount for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

TAXCD52 Tax credit for historic owner-occupied property rehabilitation

R.C. 149.311, 149.312, 5747.08, 5747.761, 5747.98

Authorizes a refundable income tax credit, up to \$120,000 per project, to reimburse 25% of qualified expenditures incurred by an owner-occupant to rehabilitate historic residential property. Caps the amount of credits that may be awarded in a fiscal year to \$10 million.

Fiscal effect: Reduction in tax liability up to \$10 million per year.

TAXCD30 Housing tax credit reporting

R.C. 175.16, 175.17

Makes the Tax Commissioner the sole recipient of required reports from taxpayers who are awarded state-funded low-income housing tax credits or tax credits for single-family housing development and requires the Tax Commissioner to share the received reports with the Superintendent of Insurance.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

TAXCD7 Corporation franchise tax: statutory agent

R.C. 0701.04, 1701.07, 1703.041

Removes a requirement placed on corporations to include the name and address of the corporation's statutory agent in it's annual report filed under the now-defunct corporation franchise tax.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD48 Municipal net profit tax: extension request

R.C. 718.85

Extends, from six to seven months, the municipal net profits tax return extension filing period for taxpayers that do not request a federal income tax extension.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD46 Municipal net profit tax: discretionary interest penalty

R.C. 718.88

Makes it discretionary, rather than mandatory under current law, for TAX to charge a penalty for late estimated payments of municipal net profit taxpayers that opt for the state to administer their account.

Fiscal effect: Potentially decrease penalty collections depending on TAX's discretion.

TAXCD71 Replacement tire fee: eliminate 4% discount

R.C. 3734.904, Section 801.110

Effective January 1, 2026, eliminates the 4% discount for wholesale distributors of replacement tires or retail dealers who timely file and pay the replacement tire fee administered by TAX.

Fiscal effect: Increases fee revenue to the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50) used by EPA and the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR.

TAXCD20 Adult use marijuana excise tax: rate and distribution

R.C. 3780.02, 3780.03, 3780.10, 3780.18 (repealed), 3780.19 (repealed), 3780.22, 3780.23, 3780.25, 3780.26, 3780.30, Section 801.60

Increases the rate of the excise tax on adult use marijuana, beginning on July 1, 2025, from 10% to 20%.

Reallocates revenue from the tax to substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery programs, the 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline, county jail grant programs, training of peace officers and troopers, construction and renovation of such training facilities, local drug task forces, safe driver programs, Ohio investigative unit operations, Ohio poison control programs and laboratory testing, and temporarily to the AGO for administering requests for expungements. Limits some allocations for these purposes and directs any remaining receipts to the GRF.

Executive

Repeals allocations for local governments that host adult use marijuana dispensaries and for the state cannabis social equity and jobs program.

Imposes a 20% excise tax on the illegal sale of marijuana by an unlicensed seller.

Fiscal effect: The Executive estimates an increase of \$86.8 million in FY 2026 and \$175.7 million in FY 2027 in adult use marijuana tax revenue.

Eliminating the allocation to the Host Community Cannabis Fund would decrease adult use tax revenue to municipal corporations and townships that have adult use dispensaries. Under current law, revenue is allocated as follows: 36% to the Cannabis Social Equity and Jobs Fund for DEV’s cannabis social equity and jobs program; 36% to the Host Community Cannabis Fund for the benefit of municipal corporations or townships that have adult use dispensaries; 25% to the Substance Abuse and Addiction Fund to support the efforts of MHA to alleviate substance and opiate abuse and related research; and 3% to the Division of Cannabis Control and Tax Commissioner fund to support the operations of the Division and to defray the cost of administering the tax.

TAXCD21 Adult use cannabis: tax information exchange

R.C. 3780.06

Requires TAX, upon the request of COM, to share pertinent information about the tax violations of an existing adult use cannabis licensee.

Fiscal effect: None. Current law only allows TAX to request this information for applicants seeking a license.

TAXCD11 Electronic tax filing and payments

R.C. 5703.059, 5747.42

Grants the Tax Commissioner blanket authority to require electronic tax filing and payment without, in the absence of specific statutory authority, first adopting rules to that effect.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD33 Electronic records inspection

R.C. 5703.19

Requires taxpayers to provide records for inspection by TAX in an electronic format if the records are kept in such a format.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD6 Disclosure of local tax revenue data

R.C. 5703.21

Authorizes TAX, without violating the prohibition against divulging personal tax information, to publish or disclose the amount of revenue distributed to local governments from any tax or fund administered by TAX.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

TAXCD34 Process for returned tax notices

R.C. 5703.37

Prescribes a process for handling tax notices and orders that are sent by ordinary mail, but returned as undeliverable. Mirrors the existing process for undeliverable tax notices and orders sent by certified mail.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD60 Tax refund adjustment notices

R.C. 5703.70

Permits the Tax Commissioner to electronically notify, as an alternative to ordinary mail notice, a person applying for a tax refund if the amount to be refunded is less than what the person requested, but only if the person consents to electronic notice.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD15 Tax penalty abatement

R.C. 5703.901, 128.99, 718.89, 3734.904, 3734.907, 3769.088, 4305.13, 4305.131, 5703.261-5703.263, 5726.03, 5726.21, 5727.08, 5727.25, 5727.26, 5727.60, 5727.82, 5727.83, 5727.89, 5728.09, 5728.10, 5733.022, 5733.062, 5735.062, 5735.12, 5735.121, 5736.05, 5739.032, 5739.102, 5739.12, 5739.122, 5739.124, 5739.133, 5741.121, 5741.122, 5743.051, 5743.081, 5743.082, 5743.51, 5743.56, 5745.041, 5745.08, 5747.072, 5747.082, 5747.15, 5747.44, 5749.06, 5749.15, 5751.06, 5751.07, 5753.05

Grants the Tax Commissioner general authority to abate, i.e., refund or forgive, penalties charged to taxpayers. Eliminates specific authority in law for abatement of penalties charged on specific taxes.

Fiscal effect: May result in undetermined revenue losses from certain penalties and charges.

TAXCD31 Tangible personal property tax replacement funds

R.C. 5709.93, 5751.02, Section 387.20

Eliminates the School District Tangible Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7047) and the Local Government Tangible Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7081) used to reimburse school districts and local governments for their loss of revenue due to the prior repeal of the business tangible personal property tax. Requires instead that the reimbursement payments be made from the GRF.

Fiscal effect: As of mid-February 2025, Fund 7047 has a cash balance of nearly \$670 million and Fund 7081 has a cash balance of nearly \$170 million. Expenditures from Fund 7047 declined in recent years and were \$60 million in FY 2024. Similarly, expenditures from Fund 7081 were nearly \$5 million in FY 2024. Elsewhere, Section 509.10 authorizes the OBM Director during the biennium ending June 30, 2027, to transfer cash to the GRF from Fund 7047 and Fund 7081 as necessary. Section 387.10 appropriates reimbursement payments to school districts and other local taxing units from GRF ALIs 200417 and 110403, and these new ALIs replace the previous ALIs that were supported by Fund 7047 and Fund 7081.

Executive

TAXCD5 Dealers in intangibles: rule requirement

R.C. 5725.01

Repeals the requirement that the Tax Commissioner adopt a rule defining the term "primarily" for purposes of describing who qualifies for the dealers in intangibles tax (DIT).

Fiscal effect: None. The DIT was eliminated beginning in 2014.

TAXCD32 Remove outdated tax reference

R.C. 5725.23

Removes an outdated reference in the Revised Code to the intangible property tax, which is no longer levied.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD8 Financial institutions tax: online forms

R.C. 5726.03

Removes the requirement that TAX post financial institution tax annual report forms on its website.

Fiscal effect: None. TAX currently requires taxpayers to file the return and pay the tax electronically through the Ohio Business Gateway and not on the paper forms.

TAXCD26 Public utility taxes service of notices

R.C. 5727.38, 5727.42, 5727.47

Permits TAX to serve assessments and appeal notices regarding public utility property and excise taxes by personal service, certified mail, authorized delivery service, or ordinary mail, or electronic notification (permitted with the person's consent).

Fiscal effect: Potential administrative cost savings by allowing more cost-effective delivery methods for assessments and appeal notes, instead of by mail only.

TAXCD25 Public utility excise tax refund: application to tax debt

R.C. 5727.42

Requires that refunds owed for public utility excise taxes first be applied to any outstanding debt on a tax or fee administered by the Tax Commissioner, as well as penalties and interest on that debt.

Fiscal effect: Potential revenue gain, as tax refunds applied to outstanding debts could increase state revenue.

Executive

TAXCD27 Public utility taxes extension request

R.C. 5727.48

Allows a public utility to request a 30-day extension from TAX for filing any report or statement required for purposes of public utility property and excise taxes in a manner other than by filing a written application, provided the other manner is approved by TAX.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD19 Insurance premium tax: certification of nonpayment

R.C. 5729.10

Requires the Treasurer of State to certify unpaid insurance premium taxes to the Attorney General for collection, replacing the Superintendent of Insurance's authority to do so.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD56 Collection of petroleum activity tax license fees

R.C. 5736.09, Section 757.30

Allows TAX to issue assessments to collect unpaid petroleum activity tax (PAT) licensing fees.

Fiscal effect: May increase revenue to TAX, dependent on the amount of outstanding PAT licensing fees. Current law only allows TAX to issue PAT assessments for unpaid taxes.

TAXCD47 Municipal utility income tax: filing extensions

R.C. 5745.03

Requires TAX to automatically grant a municipal income tax filing extension to an electric light or local exchange telephone company if a federal filing extension has been granted. Expands the length of that extension from six to seven months. Requires TAX to grant a seven month filing date extension without requiring a federal extension if the company submits a request before its return is due.

Fiscal effect: Potentially decrease late penalties and interest collected.

TAXCD49 Municipal utility income tax: required documentation

R.C. 5745.03

Removes the requirement for an electric light or local exchange telephone company to include its location of incorporation, principal office, or place of business in Ohio, and its officers' and statutory agent's names and addresses in its annual report to the tax commissioner for the municipal utility income tax.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

TAXCD50 Municipal utility income tax: electronic payments

R.C. 5745.03, 5745.04

Requires electric light and local exchange telephone companies to pay municipal income tax estimated payments and any amount due with a company's annual report electronically.

Fiscal effect: None.

TAXCD38 Municipal utility income tax: late payment penalty

R.C. 5745.08

Expands the discretionary penalty on late estimated payments of the municipal income tax on electric light and local exchange telephone companies to cover underpayments, and changes the penalty from twice the amount of interest charged on the delinquent payment to 15% of the amount of unpaid tax.

Fiscal effect: Potentially increases or decreases amount of penalties received depending on the amount of unpaid taxes and the applicable short-term interest rate.

TAXCD37 Municipal electric light and telephone income tax penalty

R.C. 5745.09

Makes discretionary the current mandatory interest penalty charged to municipal income electric light and telephone taxpayers that underpay their estimated payments.

Fiscal effect: Potentially decrease interest payments collected and distributed to municipal corporations.

TAXCD40 Municipal apportionment adjustments: electric and telephone company income

R.C. 5745.13

Repeals the requirement for the Tax Commissioner to notify an electric or telephone company that its income apportioned to a municipal corporation will be adjusted or, if the adjustment exceeds \$500 in tax, each affected municipal corporation. Removes the authority of a notified municipal corporation to challenge the redetermination.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

TAXCD9 Correct erroneous income tax references

R.C. 5747.01, Section 801.20

Corrects erroneous references in an income tax deduction and add back for federal bonus depreciation.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

TAXCD10 Repeal school district income tax on estates**R.C. 5747.021, 5748.01, 5748.02, 5748.021, 5748.03, 5748.04, 5748.08, 5748.081, 5748.09; Section 801.110**

Repeals, beginning in 2026, the school district income tax on estates.

Fiscal effect: Minimal. Currently, a school district tax with a "traditional" tax base applies to income generated by estates. School districts with a tax only on "earned income" already do not tax estates.**TAXCD59 Electing pass-through entity taxation****R.C. 5747.40, Section 757.20**

Clarifies that the electing pass-through entity tax is available to pass-through entities with investors comprised of only Ohio residents.

Fiscal effect: None. TAX currently only applies this provision to Ohio's pass through entity withholding tax.**TAXCD58 Pass-through entity tax estimated payment dates****R.C. 5747.43, Section 801.90**

Moves the due date for payment of the second and third estimated tax payments for electing and withholding pass-through entity taxes up by one month.

Fiscal effect: None.**TAXCD45 School district income tax: notice to TAX****R.C. 5748.02, 5748.021, 5748.04, 5748.08, 5748.09, Section 801.70**

Requires boards of education that approve a resolution to place a school district income tax on the ballot to send a copy of the resolution to TAX after it has been certified to the county board of elections. Requires boards of elections to send a copy of a petition for an election to repeal a school district income tax to TAX after the board determines the petition is valid.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.**TAXCD62 Sports gaming tax increase and revenue allocation****R.C. 5753.021, 5753.031, Section 801.50**

Doubles the sports gaming tax rate, from 20% to 40% of sports gaming receipts. Allocates 50% of collections deposited into the Sports Gaming Revenue Fund (R068) to the newly created Sports Facilities Construction and Sports Education Fund. Decreases the proportional allocation of the existing 20% rate to the Sports Gaming Education Fund (5Y00) from 98% to 96% and increases, from 2% to 4%, the share to alleviate problem gaming. Changes transfers from the Sports Gaming Revenue Fund (R068) to the Sports Gaming Education Fund (5Y00) and Problem Sports Gambling Fund (5YR0) from quarterly to monthly.

Fiscal effect: OBM estimates additional tax collections of \$138.0 million in FY 2026 and \$150.0 million in FY 2027.

Executive

Appropriation Language

TAXCD63 Tax refunds

Section: 409.20

Requires Fund 4250 ALI 110635, Tax Refunds, to be used to pay refunds. Appropriates additional amounts if needed for this purpose.

TAXCD64 Vendor's license payments

Section: 409.20

Requires Fund 5CZ0 ALI 110631, Vendor's License Application, to be used to make vendor license fee payments to county auditors. Appropriates additional amounts if necessary to make such payments.

TAXCD65 International registration plan administration

Section: 409.20

Requires Fund 4C60 ALI 110616, International Registration Plan Administration, to be used for audits of persons with vehicles registered under the International Registration Plan.

TAXCD66 Travel expenses for the streamlined sales tax project

Section: 409.20

Allows the Tax Commissioner to disburse available funds from Fund 4350 ALI 110607, Local Tax Administration, for paying travel expenses incurred by members of Ohio's delegation to the Streamlined Sales Tax Project. Requires any such reimbursements to be done in accordance with applicable state laws and guidelines.

TAXCD67 Tobacco settlement enforcement

Section: 409.20

Requires GRF ALI 110404, Tobacco Settlement Enforcement, to be used by the Tax Commissioner to pay tobacco enforcement costs related to the purchase and use of tax stamps.

TAXCD68 Ohio tax system support fund

Section: 409.20

Requires Fund 5ZA0 ALI 110650, Ohio Tax System Operating Expenses, to be used to pay costs incurred to maintain and support the Ohio Tax System. Requires TAX to submit a plan requesting the OBM Director to transfer necessary cash to the Ohio Tax System Support Fund (Fund 5ZA0) from any fund used by TAX otherwise allowable under state or federal law, except the GRF. Authorizes the OBM director to make such transfers and limits total transfers into Fund 5ZA0 to \$15,000,000 during the biennium.

Executive

TAXCD69 Miscellaneous Tax Receipts

Section: 409.20

Requires Fund R011 ALI 110612, Miscellaneous Tax Receipts, to be used to hold miscellaneous tax payments received by the Tax Commissioner until the appropriate account or fund is identified and the money can be transferred for the identified purpose. Appropriates additional amounts if needed for this purpose.

Executive

DOTCD53 Diesel Emission Reduction Grant Program

Section: 755.10

Establishes the Diesel Emissions Grant Reduction Program, administered by Ohio EPA and funded by Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) appropriations under the ODOT budget.

Requires the EPA Director, in consultation with the ODOT Director, to develop guidance, including a method of prioritization for projects submitted by public and private entities that are eligible for the federal CMAQ Program. Requires the DOT Director to process FHA-approved projects recommended by the EPA Director.

Allows Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program funds to be used to buy hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles that are allowed under FHA guidance for the CMAQ program.

Limits total program expenditures to \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year. Provides that these grants do not reduce the amount of funding designated for Metropolitan Planning Organizations for similar projects.

Executive

TOSCD2 Satellite offices for cash payments

R.C. 113.05, 113.06 (Repealed)

Repeals law permitting TOS to open receiving offices for the payment of taxes and fees.

Fiscal effect: None.

TOSCD3 Technical correction regarding inactive accounts

R.C. 113.13

Removes an outdated reference to inactive accounts from the statute regarding the TOS's statement of balances to the Governor or OBM Director.

Fiscal effect: None.

TOSCD8 ABLE account records not public records

R.C. 113.51

Exempts from Public Records Law any record of TOS indicating ABLE account beneficiaries, balances, and activity on ABLE accounts.

Fiscal effect: None.

TOSCD1 Checks defined; Treasurer payments

R.C. 131.01

Defines a "check" as a negotiable financial instrument, payable upon demand, directing a financial institution to transfer money from the payer's account to the payee and permits TOS to make a payment using a check.

Fiscal effect: None.

TOSCD5 Public money deposits; pledging requirements

R.C. 135.18, 135.144 (Repealed)

Repeals a law that largely duplicates R.C. 135.145 (not in the bill), regarding investment of interim moneys in federally insured certificates of deposit (CDs).

Fiscal effect: Minimal cost, as CDs would still be purchasable under continuing law, and the pledging requirements of the continuing law would apply.

TOSCD4 Homeownership savings program reporting requirements

R.C. 135.71

Requires the report on the homeownership savings linked deposit program (from TOS and the Tax Commissioner to the Governor and General Assembly, due January 31, 2027) to include the average premium savings rate paid on the accounts, rather than the average yield on the accounts.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

TOSCD6 Tax Refunds

Section: 413.20

Requires Fund 4250 ALI 090635, Tax Refunds, to be used to pay specified tax refunds. Appropriates additional amounts that are necessary for that purpose.

TOSCD7 Treasury management system

Section: 413.30

Requires GRF ALI 090406, Treasury Management System Lease Rental Payments, to be used for payments during the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium, pursuant to leases and agreements with respect to financing the costs associated with the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Treasury Management System.

Executive**DVSCD5 Veterans Services Claim Register****R.C. 5902.06, (Repealed)**

Eliminates the DVS Director's duty to keep a register showing the situation and disposition of claims filed by DVS.

Fiscal effect: None. Codifies current practice.

DVSCD4 Veteran Peer Counseling Network**R.C. 5902.20, (Repealed)**

Eliminates the Veteran Peer Counseling Network, for which the DVS Director was to adopt rules.

Fiscal effect: None as this grant supported program is coming to an end.

DVSCD3 Resident's Benefit Fund**R.C. 5907.11**

Eliminates the requirement that the Ohio Veterans' Homes Superintendent establish rules for the operation of the residents' benefit funds.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

DVSCD6 Veterans' Homes Clinician Recruitment Program**R.C. 5907.17**

Replaces the physician recruitment program with the clinician recruitment program.

Expands program eligibility to include advanced practice registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, physician's assistants, registered nurses, registered nurse aides, and certain other Ohio Veterans' Homes employees, in addition to physicians.

Establishes eligibility requirements for program participation that include licensing, length of service, discipline, program accreditation, and other contract terms and related rules.

Revises the terms of the contract required under the provision to require that the clinician maintain appropriate licensure and provide services for at least one year.

Changes the category of individuals the clinician must agree to serve from "patients of one or more specified institutions administered by the department" to "residents of the Ohio veterans' homes."

Permits the DVS Director, or the Director's designee, to allocate funds among recruited clinicians for any purpose considered necessary to best serve clinician staffing needs.

Fiscal effect: None. Expenditures would only occur if funding is appropriated in the future (none is provided for in H.B. 96).

Executive

DVSCD1 Veterans Organizations' Rent

Section: 415.20

Requires GRF ALI 900408, Department of Veterans Services, to be used to pay veterans organizations' rent in buildings managed by DAS.

DVSCD2 Veterans Organizations General Obligation Bond Debt Service

Section: 415.20

Requires GRF ALI 900901, Veterans Compensation General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the biennium, on obligations issued to provide compensation to Ohio veterans who served during the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts.

Executive

DYSCD1 Community programs

Section: 421.20

Permits DYS, for purposes of implementing juvenile sentencing reforms, to use up to \$1,375,000 of the available balance of the portion of GRF ALI 470401, RECLAIM Ohio, that is allocated to juvenile correctional facilities in each fiscal year to expand Targeted RECLAIM, the Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice Initiative, and other evidence-based community programs.

DYSCD2 Juvenile Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments

Section: 421.20

Requires GRF ALI 470412, Juvenile Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used to meet all payments during the biennium by DYS for leases and agreements for facilities and specifies that the appropriated amounts are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under the state’s capital improvements and debt financing program.

DYSCD3 Education Services

Section: 421.20

Requires Fund 1750 ALI 470613, Education Services, to be used to fund the operating expenses of providing educational services to youth supervised by DYS, including teachers' salaries, maintenance costs, and educational equipment.

DYSCD4 Flexible funding for children and families

Section: 421.20

Permits the juvenile court, in collaboration with that county's family and children first council, to transfer portions of its allocations from one or both of GRF ALIs 470401, RECLAIM Ohio, and 470510, Youth Services, to a flexible funding pool as authorized by Section 423.150 of the bill (Family and Children First Flexible Funding Pool).

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