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Executive	As Passed By House	As Passed By Senate	
OODCD1 Independent Living			
Section: 353.20	Section: 353.20	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.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	
Makes the following earmarks in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 415511, Centers for Independent Living:	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	
(1) The amount of state match needed for the Federal Independent Living Grant to support the state independent living programs and centers.	(1) Same as the Executive.	(1) Same as the Executive.	
(2) Up to \$1,355,608 to be used as state matching funds to provide vocational rehabilitation services to Ohioans with disabilities.	(2) Same as the Executive.	(2) Same as the Executive.	
(3) \$74,124 to be used as state matching funds for vocational rehabilitation innovation and expansion activities.	(3) Same as the Executive.	(3) Same as the Executive.	
Requires Fund 3GH0 ALI 415613, Independent Living, to be used to support the operations of the Centers for Independent Living.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	
OODCD2 Assistive Technology			
Section: 353.20	Section: 353.20	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.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	
OODCD3 Brain Injury			
Section: 353.20	Section: 353.20	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.	Same as the Executive, but earmarks \$500,000 in each fiscal year instead of requiring the entire GRF ALI 415431 to be used for this purpose.	Same as the House, but decreases the earmark to \$450,000 in each fiscal year.	

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No provision.	Requires the remainder of ALI 415431 to be provided to the Brain Injury Association of Ohio for direct services and supports for brain injury survivors and caregivers.	Same as the House.
OODCD8 Services for Individuals with Disabilities		
		Section: 353.20
No provision.	No provision.	Earmarks up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 415506, Services for Individuals with Disabilities, to be used by OOD, in collaboration with 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. (See EDUCD93).
OODCD4 Services for the Deaf		
Section: 353.20	Section: 353.20	Section: 353.20
Requires GRF ALI 415508, Services for the Deaf, be used to provide grants to community centers for the deaf.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
OODCD5 Visually Impaired Reading Services		
Section: 353.20	Section: 353.20	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.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
OODCD7 DeafBlind Fund		
	Section: 353.20	Section: 353.20
No provision.	Requires GRF ALI 415515, DeafBlind Fund, to be distributed to the Columbus Speech and Hearing Center for the recruitment and training of support service providers and to connect support service providers with DeafBlind individuals.	Same as the House.

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OODCD6 Sight Centers			
Section: 353.20	Section: 353.20	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.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	

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Appropriation Language			
EDUCD93 Special Education Enhancements			
Section: 265.190	Section: 265.190	Section: 265.190	
Makes the following earmarks from GRF ALI 200540, Special Education Enhancements:	Same as the Executive, but makes the following changes:	Same as the Executive, but makes the following changes to the earmarks:	
(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.	(1) Same as the Executive, but makes conforming changes in recognition of the temporary provisions in the House school funding plan (see EDUCD26).	(1) Same as the Executive.	
(2) Up to \$1,350,000 in each fiscal year for parent mentoring programs.	(2) Same as the Executive.	(2) Same as the Executive.	
(3) Up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year for school psychology interns.	(3) Same as the Executive.	(3) Same as the Executive.	
(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.	(4) Same as the Executive.	(4) No provision. (Funding for this purpose is provided under GRF ALI 415506, Services for Individuals with Disabilities (see OODCD8).)	
Requires DEW to use the remainder of the ALI to distribute preschool special education funding for school districts and state institutions (see EDUCD88).	Same as the Executive, but also prohibits a school district's preschool special education payments in FY 2026 and 2027 from being less than a district received in FY 2025 (see EDUCD88) and makes conforming changes in recognition of the temporary provisions in the House school funding plan (see EDUCD26).	Same as the Executive.	
Requires school districts, ESCs, county DD boards, and institutions serving preschool children with disabilities 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.	Same as the Executive.	Replaces the Executive provision with a provision that requires school districts that serve preschool special education students and either receive Early Childhood Education Grant Program funds or provide publicly funded child care, ESCs, county DD boards, and institutions serving preschool children with disabilities to adhere to the Step Up to Quality program.	
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