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AGOCD36 Findings for recovery	
	R.C. 9.24
No provision.	Adds the following two additional circumstances for which a finding for recovery is considered resolved for purposes of the existing prohibition against contracting with a person against whom a finding of recovery by the state is unresolved.
(1) No provision.	(1) The debt has been discharged in bankruptcy or is no longer owed based on a final nonappealable court order.
(2) No provision.	(2) Another reason deemed by the AGO to constitute good cause for resolving the finding for recovery.
	Fiscal effect: None.
AGOCD28 Special prosecutor for correctional institution offenses	
	R.C. 109.39
No provision.	Allows AGO to appoint a special prosecutor for the prosecution of offenses perpetrated in facilities operated by DRC.
	Fiscal effect: Shifts prosecuting costs from the applicable county to the AGO.
AGOCD27 Peace officer lapse in service	
	R.C. 109.73, 109.77
No provision.	Prevents the expiration of a certificate awarded by OPOTC attesting to a person's satisfactory completion of an approved peace officer basic training program because of a lapse of employment as a peace officer, subject to the below refresher training requirements.
No provision.	Requires a certificated peace officer to complete refresher training if that officer has not been employed as a peace officer for at least one year for prior to reappointment as a peace officer.
No provision.	Requires up to 40 hours of refresher training if the period of lapse was at least one year, but less than 4 years.

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No provision.	Requires up to 80 hours of refresher training, if the period of lapse was four years or longer.
	Fiscal effect: May result in a savings effect for appointing agencies as fewer individuals will be required to retake the full basic training course upon re-appointment compared to the rules of the existing refresher program.
AGOCD31 Public Records Law changes	
R.C. 149.43	R.C. 149.43
Creates an exemption under the Public Records Law for the following:	Same as the Executive, but with the following changes:
(1) "Specific investigatory work product" and defines it to include specific records developed during an investigation by the investigating officer, agent of an investigative agency, or prosecuting attorney.	(1) Same as the Executive, but defines "specific investigatory work product" as information assembled by law enforcement officials in connection with a probable or pending criminal proceeding.
(2) No provision.	(2) "Attorney work product record," defined as a record (including any record that documents the independent thought processes, mental impressions, legal theories, strategies, analysis, or reasoning or reasoning of or for an attorney) created by or for an attorney in anticipation of or for litigation, trial, or administrative proceedings, when acting in an official capacity on behalf of the state, a political subdivision of the state, a state agency, public official, or public employee.
(3) No provision.	(3) A record created using assistive device or application when the record is used, maintained, and accessible only to the individual creating the record or causing the record to be created.

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(4) No provision.	(4) The personal notes of a public official or public employee, or an attorney acting in an official capacity on behalf of the public official or public employee acting in their official capacity, which were created for reference and convenience and are used, maintained, and accessible only to the individual creating the record or causing the record to be created.
No provision.	Clarifies that trial preparation records, which include any record that is not a confidential law enforcement investigatory record or attorney work product record, are exempt from the Public Records Law until after the conclusion of all direct appeals or, if no appeal is filed, at the expiration of the time during which an appeal may be filed.
Fiscal effect: Potential administrative cost savings for state and local agencies if certain documents are no longer required to be released as part of a public records request due to an exemption under the Public Records Law.  AGOCD34 Age verification requirements, fabricated sexual images, and civil a	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
Age verification requirements, tablicated sexual images, and civil o	R.C. 1349.10, 1349.101, 2307.66, 2917.211, 2981.02
No provision.	Requires an organization that sells, delivers, furnishes, disseminates, provides, exhibits, or presents any material or performance that is obscene or harmful to juveniles to utilize reasonable age verification methods and to delete identifying information of any person attempting to access those materials or performances.
No provision.	Exempts persons employed by newspapers, magazines, television stations, or similar media and certain service providers disseminating information for the general public from fulfilling the age verification requirement.
No provision.	Allows the AGO to bring a cause of action against an organization that violates the above noted provision and precludes the minor or parent or guardian of the minor from bringing such a cause of action.

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No provision.	Creates the offenses of nonconsensual dissemination and nonconsensual creation of fabricated sexual images (with certain exceptions) and allows a victim of nonconsensual dissemination or nonconsensual creation of fabricated sexual images to commence a civil action against the offender.
No provision.	Allows the court to order criminal forfeiture of certain specified property acquired or maintained as a result of committing the offense of nonconsensual dissemination or nonconsensual creation of fabricated sexual images.
	Fiscal effect: AGO may experience an increase in enforcement costs. Local criminal and juvenile justice systems will likely experience some increase in their operating costs, in particular counties, as they have jurisdiction over felonies.
AGOCD33 Proceeds of instant bingo and electronic instant bingo	
	R.C. 2915.01, 2915.02, 2915.06, 2915.101, 2915.13, 3774.01
No provision.	Modifies the formula that determines the amount of a veteran's, fraternal, or sporting organization's proceeds from instant bingo and electronic instant bingo that must go to a 501(c)(3) or government entity, and how much the organization may keep to cover its expenses in conducting bingo.
No provision.	Increases, from \$250,000 to \$330,000, the threshold that determines the percentage of the annual proceeds that must be given to a 501(c)(3) or government entity and the percentage the organization may keep to cover its expenses, in order to match the current threshold set by the AGO by rule.
No provision.	Requires instant bingo gross profit and electronic instant bingo gross profit to be calculated and distributed separately, meaning that a veteran's or fraternal organization that conducts both instant bingo and electronic instant bingo may keep more of the combined gross profit to cover its expenses.

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No provision.	Clarifies that "gross profit" means the amount raised minus prizes paid out and that "net profit" means gross profit minus the organization's expenses in conducting bingo, as under the continuing law definitions in the Bingo Law.
	Fiscal effect: Potentially less revenue donated to governmental entities out of certain bingo proceeds.
AGOCD37 Electronic instant bingo	
	R.C. 2915.01, 2915.08, 2915.14
No provision.	Permits sporting organizations to conduct electronic instant bingo.
	Fiscal effect: Potential additional annual licensing revenue generated and credited to the Charitable Law Fund (Fund 4180).
AGOCD32 Hours for instant bingo and electronic instant bingo	
	R.C. 2915.13
No provision.	Expands the hours during which a veteran's, fraternal, or sporting organization may offer instant bingo or electronic instant bingo other than at a bingo session.
No provision.	Allows those games to be offered up to 16 hours a day, instead of up to 12.
No provision.	Allows those games to begin as early as 8am instead of 10am.
	Fiscal effect: None.

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AGOCD1	Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science	
Section:	221.20	Section: 221.20
Expenses, Bowling G technique	\$650,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055321, Operating for the Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Green State University for fostering forensic science research es (BCI Eminent Scholar) and creating professional training ities to students (BCI Scholars) in the forensic science fields.	Same as the Executive.
AGOCD2	Narcotics task forces	
Section:	221.20	Section: 221.20
	up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055321, g Expenses, to support narcotics task forces funded by AGO.	Same as the Executive.
AGOCD3	Domestic violence programs	
Section:	221.20	Section: 221.20
	\$100,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055321, Operating to fund domestic violence programs.	Same as the Executive.
AGOCD4	BCIRS Lease Rental Payments	
Section:	221.20	Section: 221.20
payments entered in developm	GRF ALI 055406, BCIRS Lease Rental Payments, to be used for in FY 2026 and FY 2027, pursuant to leases and agreements into for the financing of costs associated with the acquisition, nent, implementation, and integration of the Bureau of Criminal cion Records System (BCIRS).	Same as the Executive.
AGOCD5	County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement	
Section:	221.20	Section: 221.20
•	GRF ALI 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement, to be used to ent the annual compensation of county sheriffs.	Same as the Executive.
ALI 05532	at the request of AGO, the transfer of appropriation from GRF 21, Operating Expenses, to GRF ALI 055411 to fund the ental annual compensation of county sheriffs.	Same as the Executive.

of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

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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.

Same as the Executive.

Section:

AGOCD10 Victims of Crime

Executive

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

Same as the Executive.

Same as the Executive.

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 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.

Same as the Executive.

**AGOCD12** School Safety Training Grants

Section: 221.20 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.

Same as the Executive.

implementation of a pilot program called "Finding my Childhood Again."

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 in each fiscal year for administrative expenses associated with the program.

No provision.

No provision.

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

necessary for this purpose.

**AGOCD24** Consumer Frauds

Section:

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.

Same as the Executive.

Addiction Assistance Fund (Fund 5TZ0); (See OBMCD40).

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DASCD40 Office of Risk Management attorney-client privilege		
R.C. 9.821	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.	Same as the Executive.	
Establishes that all such documents shared between the Office and a state agency or the Attorney General are privileged and confidential.	Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: None.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	

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OBMCD40 Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund		
R.C. 126.67	R.C. 126.67	
Creates the Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund to receive all funding awarded to the state by court order to address the effects of the opioid crisis, unless such money is specifically directed elsewhere by the court.	Clarifies that the Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund consists of money awarded to the state to address the effects of the opioid crisis, removing the provision stating "unless such money is specifically directed elsewhere by the court."	
No provision.	Requires, beginning January 15, 2027, any money received under the settlement agreement in State of Ohio v. McKesson Corp., Case No. CVH20180055 (C.P. Madison Co., settlement agreement of October 7, 2021) to be certified by AGO and sent to OBM for deposit in the Target Addiction Assistance Fund (see AGOCD35).	ed
No provision.	Requires OBM to notify the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate when money is deposited into the fund.	
Fiscal effect: None.	Fiscal effect: Minimal.	

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CIVCD1 Housing discrimination civil actions	
	R.C. 4112.055
No provision.	Requires CIV to authorize the AGO to file a civil suit in a housing discrimination claim not more than 30 days after receiving a timely notice from a party to a housing discrimination complaint that the party is electing to pursue the complaint in court rather than through the CIV complaint procedure.
No provision.	Allows a complainant or an aggrieved person named in a housing discrimination complaint to file a civil suit not less than 30 days, but not more than 60 days, after a party to the complaint elects to proceed in court, provided one of the following applies:
No provision.	(1) CIV fails to authorize the AGO to file the suit as required under continuing law.
No provision.	(2) AGO fails to file the suit within 30 days of CIV authorization as required under continuing law.
	Fiscal effect: Allows housing discrimination cases to be pursued as a civil suit sooner.

### Executive As Reported By House Finance Representation for sworn officers in criminal complaints DPSCD40 R.C. 109.872 R.C. 109.872 Allows the Governor or the Governor's designee, at their discretion, to Same as the Executive. approve legal representation for a sworn employee as described below. Allows a sworn employee who was involved in a use of force incident that Same as the Executive. 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 Same as the Executive. that representation. Defines "sworn employee" as: Same as the Executive. (a) Enforcement agents appointed to enforce Ohio's liquor laws and rules (a) Same as the Executive. 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; (b) Same as the Executive. (c) Special police officers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol; and (c) Same as the Executive. (d) Other employees of any department, agency, or board of this state (d) Same as the Executive. 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.

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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DPSCD64 Trailers excluded from the Motor Vehicle Dealer Law	
	R.C. 4517.01
No provision.	Excludes trailers from the Motor Vehicle Dealers Law, except for fifth wheel trailers, park trailers, travel trailers, tent-type fold-out camping trailers, or semitrailers.
	Fiscal effect: Potential minimal decrease in administrative costs for the BMV related to licensing certain trailers; corresponding loss in dealer licensing fee revenue. (Licensing fees for new and used motor vehicle dealers consist of a \$50 permit fee, a \$50.25 master plate fee (plus \$10.25 for each additional plate), and \$150 for the Title Defect Recision Fund (Fund 4Y70), used by AGO.)

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#### **Other Taxation Provisions**

Executive

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%.

Imposes a 20% excise tax on the illegal sale of marijuana by an unlicensed seller.

Repeals current law's tax revenue distributions (36% to the state Cannabis Social Equity and Jobs Fund, 36% to the Host Community Cannabis Fund, 25% to the state Substance Abuse and Addiction Fund, and 3% to COM and TAX for administration purposes) and 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.

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. R.C. 3780.02, 3780.03, 3780.10, 3780.18 (repealed), 3780.19 (repealed), 3780.22, 3780.23 (repealed), 3780.25, 3780.26, 3780.30, Section 801.60

No provision.

Same as the Executive, but lowers the rate to 10%.

Same as the Executive on repealing current law's tax revenue distributions, but reallocates revenues from the tax all to the GRF except distributing 20% of tax revenue, for five years, to the Host Community Cannabis Fund to be distributed to municipalities and townships that have at least one adult-use dispensary or a location for which a provisional dispensary license is issued before July 1, 2025.

Fiscal effect: Approximately \$95.6 million in FY 2026 and \$156.2 million in FY 2027 of adult use marijuana tax would be allocated to the GRF while the Host Community Cannabis Fund would receive about \$23.9 million in FY 2026 and \$39.1 million in FY 2027.

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LOCCD18 Local fiscal emergency receivership	
	R.C. 118.29, 2743.03
No provision.	Establishes a process for the creation of a receivership for counties, townships, and municipal corporations in fiscal emergency.
No provision.	Grants the court of claims jurisdiction to appoint a receiver for counties, townships, and municipal corporations in fiscal emergency.
	Fiscal effect: Potential fiscal impact on the state if a municipal corporation, county, or township, make a referral to the AGO for the creation of a receivership over those entities in fiscal emergency.
LOCCD2 Video public records	
	R.C. 149.43
No provision.	Authorizes a prosecuting attorney's office to assess certain charges for preparing a video public record, like a state or local law enforcement agency may do under existing law.
No provision.	Prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency or a prosecuting attorney's office from charging a fee for preparing a video record for inspection, or producing a copy of a video record, when the requester of the video record is a victim, as defined in Section 10a of Article I, Ohio Constitution, who reasonably asserts that the video recording relates to the act or omission that caused the harm or loss, or who is the legal counsel or insurer of the victim.
	Fiscal effect: Potential revenue loss to the extent that law enforcement agencies are charging a video record fee and would be precluded from collecting that fee in certain situations. (State and local law enforcement agencies were given the authority to charge a fee for video records in H.B. 315 of the 135th G.A., which took effect on April 3, 2025.)