

Appropriations

S.B. 4

(For details of S.B. 4's appropriations, see the [LSC Fiscal Note, as Enacted](#))

Primary Sponsors: Sens. Rulli and Kunze

Effective date: October 13, 2020

Capital appropriations

- Appropriates \$300 million in capital funding to the Facilities Construction Commission to support school facilities construction, and authorizes the issuance of bonds in that amount.
- Appropriates \$255 million in capital funding to the Public Works Commission and authorizes the issuance of bonds totaling \$225 million.

Transportation improvement districts

- Requires a transportation improvement district to comply with the state Prevailing Wage Law, unless the amount of state and local funds the district receives for the contract or project is less than thresholds specified in the law.

TIF service payments

- Allows municipalities and townships, through their 2021 fiscal year, to utilize some tax increment financing (TIF) service payments for public safety and road and bridge maintenance expenses unrelated to the TIF.
- Disallows diversion for any expense eligible to be paid from funding received from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Political subdivision competitive bidding for PPE

- During the period of the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, exempts the purchase of personal protective equipment from competitive bidding requirements for counties, county hospitals, townships, villages, and municipal hospitals.

S.B. 310

(For details of S.B. 310's appropriations, see the [LSC Capital Item Analysis](#))

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Dolan

Effective date: Emergency: December 29, 2020

Capital appropriations

- Makes capital appropriations totaling \$2.13 billion for the FY 2021-FY 2022 biennium, and authorizes about \$1.75 billion in new debt.

Federal funds for COVID-19 relief

- Appropriates unexpended and unencumbered cash remaining in the Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- Authorizes the Controlling Board, on the Director of Budget and Management's request, to extend deadlines related to spending and returning coronavirus relief funds distributed to local governments.

Medicaid appropriations

- Makes several Medicaid appropriation changes.

Ed Choice scholarships for 2021-2022

- Specifies that the priority application period for performance-based Educational Choice scholarships sought for the 2021-2022 school year must open March 2, 2021.

Student wellness and success funding for FY 2021

- Requires the Department of Education, after all student wellness and success payments for FY 2021 have been made to public schools, to distribute any appropriated amounts remaining for these payments through a methodology determined by the Department in consultation with the Office of Budget and Management (OBM).

School financing studies

- Requires the Department, by December 31, 2022, to complete studies of special education, gifted services, incentives for rural districts serving identified gifted children, educational service centers, English learners, the cost to educate e-school students, and the cost of operating community schools.
- Extends the deadline for the Department to complete the studies regarding economically disadvantaged students and preschool education required under current law from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2022.
- Requires OBM to create, by December 31, 2022, an inventory of all state budget line items that, in OBM's determination, provide funding services to children.

- Establishes a joint legislative task force to study the transportation of community school and nonpublic school students, to determine methods to create greater efficiency and minimize costs in transporting them, and to submit a report by December 31, 2022.
- Appropriates \$3.0 million for FY 2021 from lottery profit funds for the studies.

Spending for student activity programs

- For the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, waives the limit on a school district's expenditures for the operation of student activity programs.

Health professionals – temporary and COVID-related authority

- Until May 1, 2021:
 - Authorizes a physician assistant in a health care facility to practice under the supervision of a physician or podiatrist who has not entered into a supervision agreement with the physician assistant.
 - Authorizes a certified nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse practitioner in a health care facility to practice in collaboration with a physician or podiatrist who has not entered into a standard care arrangement with the nurse.
 - Authorizes an emergency medical technician (at the basic, intermediate, or paramedic level) to administer COVID-19 tests and collect and label test specimens.
 - Authorizes a respiratory care professional to direct the practice of a licensed practical nurse.
 - Authorizes a nurse, pharmacist, physician assistant, physician, respiratory therapist, or emergency medical technician whose license is expired or inactive, including because of retirement, to practice without having to reinstate or restore the license.

Kinship Support Program

- Establishes the Kinship Support Program (KSP) to provide financial payments to kinship caregivers who: (1) have received placement of a child, and (2) do not have foster home certification.
- Specifies that KSP payments are \$10.20 per child, per day, with an annual cost-of-living adjustment, and subject to time limits.
- Specifies that KSP payments cease when:
 - The kinship caregiver obtains foster home certification;
 - In accordance with the time limits on payments; or
 - Placement with the kinship caregiver ceases.
- Requires a kinship caregiver, on obtaining foster home certification, to receive foster care payments equal to the custodial agency rate as determined by the certifying agency.
- Permits the Director of Job and Family Services to adopt rules to administer KSP.

- Permits a recommending agency to submit a request to waive, on a case-by-case basis, nonsafety standards for a kinship caregiver seeking to obtain foster home certification.

Cuyahoga County lodging tax proceeds

- Expands the purposes for which a special Cuyahoga County lodging tax may be used, and allows Cuyahoga County and the mayor of Cleveland to agree to do so without the approval of the county's other mayors.

Fireworks license moratorium

- Extends the moratorium on issuing a fireworks manufacturer or wholesaler license and approving the geographic transfer of those licenses by one year to December 31, 2021.

Maritime Assistance Program

- Expands which port authorities may apply for grants under the Ohio Maritime Assistance Program.
- Eliminates the requirement that the Director of Transportation must adopt rules in order to govern the program.

Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission

- Creates the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission.
- Creates the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Office to serve the Commission.