

Financial Institutions and Consumer Finance

S.B. 249

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Wilson

Effective date: March 14, 2023

- Requires the Superintendent of Financial Institutions to establish a regulatory sandbox program to enable persons to test novel financial products and services in Ohio on a temporary basis without obtaining additional licenses or authorizations that would otherwise be required.
- Authorizes participants to test novel financial products and services in the regulatory sandbox for up to two years, with a possible one-year extension if the sandbox participant is seeking licensure.
- Requires the Superintendent to consult with all state agencies that would otherwise regulate the sandbox participant (“applicable agencies”) before admitting the participant into the program.
- Requires the Superintendent to enter an agreement with each sandbox participant regarding the scope of the participant’s test and any restrictions or limits on the number of consumers or dollar amounts involved.
- Requires the sandbox participant to make certain disclosures prior to providing a novel financial product or service to the consumer.
- Prohibits a sandbox participant from charging interest rates or fees on a loan that exceed those currently permitted under Ohio consumer lending laws.
- Requires a sandbox participant to retain records, documents, and data produced in the ordinary course of business regarding the novel financial product or service during the testing period.
- Authorizes the Superintendent to enter agreements with state, federal, or foreign regulators that allow sandbox participants to operate in other jurisdictions and allow entities authorized to operate in other jurisdictions to be recognized as sandbox participants in Ohio.
- Requires the Superintendent every two years to publish a report on the performance of sandbox participants and their novel financial products and services.

S.B. 264

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Brenner

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- Permits the employees of a registered mortgage lender, servicer, or broker, or employees of an entity exempted from registration, to work remotely if certain conditions are met.
- Authorizes the Superintendent of Financial Institutions to charge an annual fee of up to \$25 per remote location to cover the costs associated with administering the act.
- Permits employees of a Consumer Installment Loan Act licensee to work remotely, if the licensee follows specified protocols.