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Cash Transfers from the Waterways Safety Fund and the Wildlife Fund

**R.C. 127.14, 131.35**

Allows the Controlling Board to authorize cash transfers of balances in excess of needs from the existing Waterways Safety Fund (Fund 7086) and Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015) to the GRF or other specified funds. These specific funds are among a list in current law from which the Controlling Board is prohibited from approving such transfers.

**Fiscal effect:** This authorization allows the Controlling Board to manage federal money deposited into Fund 7086 and Fund 7015 in the same manner as other specified funds.

Ohio Geology License Plate Fund

**R.C. 1505.09, 4503.515, (1505.12 and 1505.13 repealed)**

Eliminates the "Ohio Geology" License Plate Fund (Fund 5MF0) and transfers the money in the Fund to the Geological Mapping Fund (Fund 5110). Specifies that the contributions from "Ohio Geology" license plates must still be used primarily for grants to state college and university geology departments and secondarily for providing geological kits to state elementary and secondary schools, as in current law. (The accounting changes related to the abolishment of the funds are reflected in Section 516.10 of the bill, see OBMCD63.)

**Fiscal effect:** Between FY 2014 and FY 2018 Fund 5MF0 received an average of $2,235 in revenue each year. As of March 21, 2019 Fund MF0 held a cash balance of $4,255.

Oil and Gas Leasing Commission Administrative Costs

**R.C. 1505.09**

Authorizes the existing Geological Mapping Fund (Fund 5110) administered by the Chief of the Division of Geological Survey to be used for the administration of the Oil and Gas Leasing Commission in addition to its current allowable use: covering the cost of making maps and reports on geology, geologic hazards, and energy and mineral resources in Ohio.
Fiscal effect: Currently only the Oil and Gas Leasing Commission Administration Fund, which receives fees charged for the nomination of parcels of state land to be leased for oil and gas exploration and production, and related fees may be used for such purposes; however, that fund does not have any money in it.

**DNRCD23**  
Hunting and fishing license fees

**R.C.**  
1533.09, 1533.10, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.112, 1533.32, 1533.321, and Section 715.10

Authorizes the Chief of the Division of Wildlife to adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, and with the approval of the Director of Natural Resources and the Wildlife Council, establishing fees, in lieu of the statutorily imposed fees, for all of the following: (1) hunting licenses, (2) three-day small game hunting licenses, (3) deer and wild turkey permits, (4) fur taker permits, (5) wetland habitat stamps, (6) fishing licenses, and (7) multi-year fishing and hunting licenses.

Increases the following fees from $18.00 to $24.00 until the Chief adopts rules establishing alternative fees: (1) annual fishing license fee for an Ohio resident, (2) annual fishing license fee for a nonresident who is a resident of a state with which Ohio has an agreement to charge resident fee rates (reciprocal state), and (3) three-day tourist fishing license for a nonresident who is not a resident of a reciprocal state.

Makes the following additional fee changes until the Chief adopts rules establishing alternative fees: (1) increases the one-day fishing license fee from $10.00 to $13.00 (55% of the three-day tourist fishing license), (2) increases the annual deer permit fee from $23.00 to $30.00 for an Ohio resident, (3) decreases the annual deer permit fee from $74.00 to $15.00 for a nonresident youth under 18 (the same as Ohio resident youths under the bill), (4) increases the annual youth deer permit fee from $11.50 to $15.00 for an Ohio resident under 18, (5) increases the annual wild turkey permit fee from $23.00 to $30.00 for an Ohio resident, (6) decreases the annual wild turkey permit fee from $28.00 to $15.00 for a nonresident youth under 18 (the same as Ohio resident youths under the bill), (7) increases the annual youth wild turkey permit fee from $11.50 to $15.00 for an Ohio resident, and (8) increases the annual wild turkey permit fee from $28.00 to $37.00 for a nonresident.

Specifies that except for the $9.00 nonresident youth hunting license fee, the annual fee for nonresidents applying for a hunting license, fishing license, or deer permit through December 31, 2019, is the fee specified in the fee schedule established in H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in license and permit revenue deposited to the credit of the Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015).
Elimination of the Mine Safety Fund

R.C. 1561.24 (repealed), 1561.011
Abolishes the Mine Safety Fund (Fund 5CU0), which received revenue from transfers from the Coal-Workers Pneumoconiosis Fund (Fund 8220) used by the Administrator of Worker's Compensation. (The accounting changes related to the abolishment of the funds are reflected in Section 516.10 of the bill, see OBMCD63.)
Fiscal effect: Fund 5CU0 was used by DNR to pay a portion of the costs for coal mine safety regulatory programs. H.B. 59 of the 130th G.A., the main operating budget for the FY 2012-FY2013 biennium, eliminated the authority to make these transfers. Costs formerly paid from Fund 5CU0 have since been paid from GRF appropriation item 725507, Coal and Mine Safety Programs.

Scenic Rivers Protection Fund

R.C. 4501.24
Permits the Department of Natural Resources to collect donations for the protection and enhancement of Ohio's scenic rivers and deposit those donations into the Scenic Rivers Protection Fund (Fund 4U60).
Fiscal effect: Potential increase in revenue deposited to the credit of Fund 4U60. The Fund's only current source of revenue comes from the $40 fee collected from the sale of Scenic Rivers License Plates. Between FY2014 and FY2018, Fund 4U60 received an average of approximately $62,000 per year.

Central Support Indirect Fund

Section: 343.20
Requires the Director of Natural Resources with the approval of the Director of OBM, to determine each DNR division's payments into the Central Support Fund (Fund 1570). Requires the methodology used to determine the payments to contain the characteristics of administrative ease and uniform application in compliance with federal grant requirements, and allows the methodology to include direct cost charges for specific services provided. Requires payments to Fund 1570 to be made using intrastate transfer voucher.
Specifies that GRF appropriation item 725401, Division of Wildlife - Operating Subsidy, be used to cover the indirect costs of the Division of Wildlife.

**DNRC4**  
Parks and Recreational Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments

**Section:** 343.20  
Requires GRF appropriation item 725413, Parks and Recreational Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used during the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium to make payments on behalf of DNR pursuant to leases and agreements made under RC 154.22. Specifies that these appropriations are the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related obligations issued under Chapter 154 or the Revised Code.

**DNRC5**  
Healthy Lake Erie Program

**Section:** 343.20  
Requires appropriation item 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 as the DNR director may decide. Requires that the director give priority to recommendations that encourage farmers to adopt 4R nutrient stewardship practices.

**DNRC6**  
Coal and Mine Safety Programs

**Section:** 343.20  
Requires GRF appropriation item 725507, Coal and Mine Safety Program, to be used for the administration of the Mine Safety Program and the Coal Regulation Program.
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DNRC11  NatureWorks Capital Expenses Fund

Section:  343.30
Requires the Department of DNR to submit to the Director of OBM the estimated design, planning, and engineering costs of capital-related work to be done by DNR staff for each capital improvement project within the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund (Fund 7031). Permits the Director of DNR, if OBM approves the estimated costs, to release appropriations from Fund 7031 appropriation item C725E5, Project Planning, for those purposes. Requires DNR 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 by using an intrastate transfer voucher.

DNRC12  Park Maintenance

Section:  343.30
Requires that appropriation item 725514, Park Maintenance, be used to pay the costs of projects supported by the State Park Maintenance Fund (Fund 5TD0).
Requires the Director of Natural Resources, on July 1, 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter, 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 Director of OBM. Allows the Director of OBM to transfer up to $1,600,000 in cash from Fund 5120 to Fund 5TD0.

DNRC24  Reclamation Forfeiture Fund

Section:  343.30
Requires the Director of OBM to transfer $2.0 million in cash from the GRF to the Reclamation Forfeiture Fund (Fund 5310) each fiscal year. Requires the transferred cash to be used to reclaim areas of land affected by coal mining in accordance with R.C. 1513.18.
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DNRC27      H2Ohio Fund

Section:  343.30  
Requires that H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) appropriation item 725681, H2Ohio, be used by DNR to support, maintain, and create wetlands throughout the state including but not limited to coastal and upland wetlands in the Western Basin of Lake Erie. Allows the appropriation item to be used to support improvement and protection of all waterways and to address water quality priorities including water protection and management in accordance with R.C. 126.60. Allows the Director of DNR, on July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, to certify to OBM an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of Fund 6H20 appropriation item 725681, H2Ohio, at the end of FY 2020 to be reappropriated in FY 2021. Reappropriates the certified amounts for FY 2021.

DNRC13      Cash transfer for Hocking Hills Lodge reconstruction

Section:  343.40  
Allows the Director of OBM in consultation with the Director of DNR to transfer cash as necessary from the GRF to the Departmental Services – Interstate Fund (Fund 1550) during the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium to pay costs for the reconstruction of the Hocking Hills Dining Lodge that will occur before final insurance settlement proceeds are deposited into Fund 1550. Requires the Directors of both agencies to establish a schedule for repaying the GRF from Fund 1550 once insurance proceeds have been deposited into Fund 1550 and requires the Director of OBM to transfer cash from Fund 1550 to the GRF according to the established schedule.

DNRC14      Human Resources Direct Service

Section:  343.40  
Requires Fund 2050 appropriation item 725696, Human Resources Direct Service, to be used to cover the cost of support, coordination, and oversight of DNR’s human resources functions. Specifies that the Human Resources Chargeback Fund (Fund 2050) consists of cash transferred to it via intrastate transfer voucher from other funds as determined by the directors of DNR and OBM.
DNRC15  Law Enforcement Administration

Section:  343.40
Requires Fund 2230 appropriation item 725665, Law Enforcement Administration, to be used to cover the cost of support, coordination, and oversight of DNR's law enforcement functions. Specifies that the Law Enforcement Administration Fund (Fund 2230) to consist of cash transferred to it via intrastate transfer voucher from other funds as determined by the Directors of DNR and OBM.

DNRC16  Fountain Square and ODNR grounds at the Ohio Expo Center

Section:  343.40
Requires appropriation item 725664, Fountain Square Facilities Management, to be used to pay for security, repairs, renovation, utilities, property management, and building maintenance expenses for the Fountain Square complex and the DNR grounds at the Ohio Expo Center. Requires that cash transferred by intrastate transfer vouchers from various departmental funds and rental income received by DNR be deposited into the Fountain Square Facilities Management Fund (Fund 6350).

DNRC17  Clean Ohio Trail Operating Expenses

Section:  343.50
Requires that appropriation item 725405, Clean Ohio Trail Operating, be used to administer Clean Ohio Trail Fund (Fund 7061) projects under RC 1519.05.
Increase in capital appropriations for land acquisition

Section: 601.20
Amends Sections 223.10 and 223.50 of H.B. 529 of the 132nd General Assembly, the capital budget for the FY 2019-FY 2020 capital biennium, to do the following: (1) appropriate $47.0 million under Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund (Fund 7035) capital appropriation item C72513, Land Acquisition, (2) increase capital appropriations under Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015) capital appropriation item C725B0, Access Development, by $3.0 million to a total $18.0 million, and (3) increase the amount of bonds that the Treasurer of State is authorized to issue to support costs paid from Fund 7035 by $47.0 million to a total of $181.0 million.

Fiscal effect: This capital funding will be used to acquire reclaimed strip mining lands currently owned by AEP in southeast Ohio for public use.
AGRC14  Creation of the H2Ohio Fund

R.C. 126.60
Creates the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) in the state treasury consisting of money credited to it and any donations, gifts, bequests, and other money received for deposit in the fund.

Requires Fund 6H20 to be used for the following purposes: (1) awarding or allocating grants or money, issuing loans, or making purchases for the development and implementation of projects and programs that are designed to address water quality priorities, (2) funding cooperative research, data gathering and monitoring, and demonstration projects related to water quality priorities, (3) encouraging cooperation with and among leaders from state legislatures, state agencies, political subdivisions, business and industry, labor, agriculture, environmental organizations, and water conservation districts, and (4) other purposes, policies, programs, and priorities identified by the Lake Erie Commission (LEC) in coordination with the state agencies or boards responsible for water protection and water management.

Requires that the LEC, in coordination with state agencies or boards responsible for water protection and water management, prepare a report on the activities undertaken under Fund 6H20 during the immediately preceding FY, including the revenues and expenses of the fund for the preceding FY, and submit the report to the General Assembly and the Governor.

Fiscal effect: The bill requires a portion of FY 2019 GRF surplus revenue and the entire balance of FY 2020 and FY 2021 GRF surplus moneys to be deposited into Fund 6H20 (see OBMCD44 and OBMCD56). It appropriates $85.2 million in FY 2020 under Fund 6H20 to be used by DNR, AGR, and EPA. The funding is distributed as follows: (1) $46.2 million is appropriated under appropriation item 725681, H2Ohio, used by DNR, (2) $30.3 million under appropriation item 700670, H2Ohio, used by AGR, and (3) $8.7 million under appropriation item 715695, H2Ohio, used by EPA.
OBMCD44  FY 2019 GRF ending balance

Section:  513.10
Requires the Director of OBM to determine the GRF surplus revenue that existed on June 30, 2019, and transfer cash, up to the actual surplus revenue amount, from the GRF as follows:
(1) Up to $10 million to the Targeted Addiction Program Fund (Fund 5TZ0)
(2) Up to $31 million to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750)
(3) Up to $100 million to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20)
(4) Up to $5 million to the Books from Birth Fund (Fund 5VJ0)
(5) Up to $25 million to the State Park Fund (Fund 5120)
(6) Up to $25 million to the Emergency Purposes Fund (Fund 5KM0)
(7) Up to $25 million to the Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E20)
(8) Up to $2 million to the Ohio Public Health Priorities Fund (Fund L087)
(9) Up to $19 million to the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund (Fund 5BX0)
(10) Up to $6.9 million to the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0)
(11) Remaining surplus cash to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20)

OBMCD56  FY 2020 and FY 2021 GRF ending balances

Section:  513.20
Requires the Director of OBM to determine the GRF surplus revenue that existed on June 30, 2020, and transfer cash, on July 1, 2020, in an amount equal to the actual surplus revenue amount, from the GRF to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20). Authorizes the Controlling Board, in FY 2021, to increase or establish appropriations from Fund 6H20 for certain state agencies or boards in amounts necessary to support the statewide water protection vision and strategy in that year.
Requires the Director of OBM to determine the GRF surplus revenue that existed on June 30, 2021, and transfer cash, on July 1, 2021, in an amount equal to the actual surplus revenue amount, from the GRF to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20).