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OODCD1 Independent Living**Section: 353.20**

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415402, Independent Living Council, be used to support the state independent living programs and centers pursuant to Title VII of the federal Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992.

Earmarks \$67,662 in each fiscal year in item 415402 to be used as state matching funds for vocational rehabilitation innovation and expansion activities.

OODCD2 Assistive Technology**Section: 353.20**

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415406, Assistive Technology, be provided to Assistive Technology of Ohio and used to provide grants and assistive technology services for people with disabilities in Ohio.

OODCD3 Brain Injury**Section: 353.20**

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415431, Brain Injury, be provided to The Ohio State University College of Medicine to support the Brain Injury Program established under section 3335.60 of the Revised Code.

OODCD4 Services for Individuals with Disabilities**Section: 353.20**

Makes the following earmarks from GRF appropriation item 415506, Services for Individuals with Disabilities:

(1) \$654,975 in FY 2020 and \$1,309,050 in FY 2021 to create partnerships with certified drug courts to expand access to employment and increase employment outcomes that promote recovery and rehabilitation.

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(2) \$603,643 in FY 2020 and \$1,207,285 in FY 2021 to create partnerships with community colleges and state universities to ensure college students with disabilities can compete for in-demand jobs and increase the median earnings of these individuals.

(3) \$85,733 in FY 2020 and \$171,465 in FY 2021 to create paid on-the-job work experiences for eligible candidates placed in state agencies to develop work skills and increase the number of individuals with disabilities employed in state government.

(4) \$150,000 in each fiscal year to increase access to vocational rehabilitation services for eligible students enrolled at the Ohio State School for the Blind and the Ohio School for the Deaf to prepare these students for transition to college or employment.

Requires all of these earmarked amounts to be used as state match for the federal vocational rehabilitation grant.

OODCD5 Services for the Deaf**Section: 353.20**

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415508, Services for the Deaf, be used to support community centers for the deaf.

OODCD6 Sight Centers**Section: 353.20**

Makes the following earmarks from FED Fund 3L40 appropriation item 415617, Independent Living Older Blind:

(1) \$10,000 in each fiscal year to the Cleveland Sight Center.

(2) \$10,000 in each fiscal year to the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

(3) \$10,000 in each fiscal year to the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio.

Requires all of these earmarked amounts to be used to provide outreach and referral development to the community of individuals with blindness and low vision.

Executive**DDDCD4 Employment First Initiative****Section: 261.60**

Requires that GRF appropriation item 322508, Employment First Initiative, be used to increase employment opportunities for individuals with DD through the existing Employment First Initiative.

Requires the ODODD Director in each fiscal year to transfer from GRF appropriation item 322508, to the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency (OOD), an amount agreed upon by the ODODD Director and the OOD Executive Director to support the Employment First Initiative and requires that the transfer be made via an intrastate transfer voucher.

Requires OOD to use the funds transferred as state matching funds to obtain available federal grant dollars for vocational rehabilitation services, and requires that any federal match dollars received by OOD be used for the initiative.

Requires the ODODD Director and the OOD Executive Director to enter into an interagency agreement that will specify the responsibilities of each agency under the initiative, and specifies that OOD must retain responsibility for eligibility determination, order of selection, plan approval, plan amendment, and release of vendor payments.

Requires that the remainder of GRF appropriation item 322508 be used to develop a long term, sustainable system that places individuals with DD in community employment.

Fiscal effect: Potential gain in federal vocational rehabilitation (VR) dollars to OOD in each fiscal year depending upon the amount that is transferred to OOD.

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Appropriation Language**EDUCD28 Special Education Enhancements****Section: 265.190**

Makes the following earmarks to GRF appropriation item 200540, Special Education Enhancements:

- (1) Up to \$33,000,000 in each fiscal year to fund special education and related services for school-age children at county DD boards and state institutions.
- (2) Up to \$1,350,000 in each fiscal year for parent mentoring programs.
- (3) Up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year for school psychology interns.
- (4) \$3,250,000 in FY 2020 and \$3,500,000 in FY 2021 to be transferred to the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency via an intrastate transfer voucher. Requires the transferred funds to be used as state matching funds to draw down available federal funding for vocational rehabilitation services. Specifies that funding be used to hire vocational rehabilitation counselors to provide transition services for students with disabilities. Requires the agencies to enter into an interagency agreement to specify the responsibilities of each agency under the program.
- (5) Up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to be used 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.

Specifies that the remainder of the appropriation be used to distribute preschool special education funding for school districts and state institutions (see EDUCD43). Requires funded entities to adhere to Ohio's early learning program standards, to participate in the Step Up to Quality program, to document child progress using research-based indicators, and to report results annually.
