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OODCD8 Employer inclusive workplace award**R.C. 3304.24**

Requires the Governor to present an award during National Disability Employment Awareness Month to employers who meet the criteria for having a workplace inclusive of individuals with disabilities.

Requires OOD to determine the criteria for recommending employers for the award.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

OODCD1 Independent Living**Section: 353.20**

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415402, Independent Living Council , be used to support 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 from GRF appropriation item 415402 to be used as state matching funds for vocational rehabilitation innovation and expansion activities.

Requires GRF appropriation item 415511, Centers for Independent Living, to support the Centers for Independent Living in accordance with the State Plan for Independent Living.

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.

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OODCD4 Services for Individuals with Disabilities

Section: 353.20

Requires that in addition to funding the general vocational rehabilitation program, GRF appropriation item 415506, Services for Individuals with Disabilities, also be used to do the following:

- (1) Continue partnerships with certified drug courts to expand access to employment and increase employment outcomes that promote recovery and rehabilitation.
- (2) Continue 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) 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) 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 expenses related to these activities 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 provide grants to community centers for the deaf.

OODCD6 Visually Impaired Reading Services

Section: 353.20

Requires that GRF appropriation item 415512, Visually Impaired Reading Services, be used to support VOICEcorps Reading Services to provide reading services for blind individuals.

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OODCD7 Sight centers

Section: 353.20

Makes the following earmarks from FED Fund 3L40 appropriation item 415617, Independent Living Older Blind, to provide independent living services to the community of individuals with blindness or low vision:

- (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.
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