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Synopsis of Conference Committee Amendments

H.B. 264 of the 133rd General Assembly

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The Conference Committee on H.B. 264 recommends the bill as passed by the Senate with the following changes:

House Version	Senate Version	Conference Committee Recommendation
Ohio Air Quality Development Authority (OAQDA) Administrative Funding		
No provision.	Beginning January 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2028, permits the OAQDA to use up to \$300,000 each fiscal year to pay for that year's administrative costs under the law governing nuclear resource and renewable energy credits. Specifies that up to \$150,000 of the funding may be provided from each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Nuclear Generation Fund (the fund into which charges collected from electric distribution utility (EDU) customers are deposited to pay credits for nuclear generation);	No Provision.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Renewable Generation Fund (the fund into which charges collected from EDU customers are deposited to pay credits for certain renewable energy generation). <p>Allows, for fiscal year 2021, amounts approved to be used for administrative costs incurred for both fiscal years 2020 and 2021, but prohibits the amount from exceeding \$300,000 per fiscal year.</p> <p>Requires Controlling Board approval before OAQDA may access the funds.</p> <p>Specifies that distributions for administrative costs do not require OAQDA to consult with the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) for funds distributed to OAQDA for administrative costs.</p> <p><i>(R.C. 3706.49 and 3706.491)</i></p>	
OAQDA energy credit application changes		
No provision.	Requires OAQDA to accept, review, and approve a renewable energy credit application submitted by a qualifying renewable resource, if the application was submitted after the February 1, 2020, deadline but before March 1, 2020 <i>(R.C. 3706.551(A)).</i>	No provision.

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OAQDA megawatt report deadline changes		
No provision.	Exempts a qualifying renewable resource from the requirement to submit its first quarterly report by April 7, 2020, if the resource's renewal energy credit application was approved by OAQDA as required under the bill (<i>R.C. 3706.551(B)</i>).	No provision.
Emergency Clause		
No provision.	No provision.	Declares an emergency (Section 3).