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Synopsis of Senate Amendments

H.B. 168 of the 134th General Assembly

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Eliminates the House-passed version's appropriations for FY 2021 for grants to businesses and child care providers impacted by COVID-19, and for local fairs and Ohio Veterans Homes and the House-passed version's appropriation for FY 2022 of the amounts remaining in the Coronavirus Relief Fund at the end of FY 2021, which were enacted in [S.B. 109](#). Replaces the House provisions with the following:

Unemployment compensation advance repayment

Requires, on August 31, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter, and again on December 27, 2021, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Job and Family Services (JFS Director) to certify to the Director of Budget and Management (OBM Director), the Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives the balance of amounts loaned to Ohio by the federal government for the purpose of paying unemployment benefits.

Requires the OBM Director to remit the amounts certified, but not to exceed the available balance, from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund 5CV3) to the Unemployment Compensation Fund to the credit of the Mutualized Account.

Specifies that the amounts remitted are appropriated.

Requires the JFS Director to deposit the amounts remitted as cash with the U.S. Secretary of Treasury to reduce or eliminate the balance of amounts advanced to Ohio.

ARPA appropriations

Establishes DPF Fund 5CV4 appropriation item 042526, Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery, with an appropriation of \$422,000,000 in FY 2022.

Specifies that this appropriation item be disbursed by the Office of Budget and Management to nonentitlement units of local government in accordance with provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act (which is the source of the funding for Fund 5CV4) and subsequent guidance issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Pediatric behavioral health care facilities

Appropriates \$84,000,000 in FY 2022 in DPF Fund 5CV3 appropriation item 336648, ARPA Pediatric Behavioral Health. Earmarks these funds to support infrastructure improvements at pediatric behavioral health care facilities to improve inpatient and outpatient settings.

Water and sewer quality program

Appropriates \$250,000,000 in FY 2022 under State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund 5CV3) appropriation item 1956A1, Water and Sewer Quality Program.

Requires the Department of Development to use the funds to establish and administer a water and sewer quality program to provide grants to political subdivisions for water and sewer quality projects.

Reappropriates the unexpended, unencumbered balance remaining in line item 1956A1 at the end of FY 2022 for the same purpose in FY 2023.