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## Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

(This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate Floor.)

### H.B. 2 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

#### Senate Finance

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The Senate Finance committee adopted a substitute bill that replaced all the content from H.B. 2, As Passed by the House, as follows:

#### Appropriations

##### One Time Strategic Community Investments Fund

- Appropriates \$717 million to the Office of Budget and Management to fund projects from the One Time Strategic Community Investments Fund.

##### Capital appropriations and reappropriations

- Makes capital appropriations totaling \$3.51 billion for the FY 2025-2026 biennium, and authorizes about \$2.93 billion in new debt.
- Makes capital reappropriations totaling \$1.98 billion for the FY 2025-2026 biennium.

#### Public Works Commission Law changes

- Revises several provisions of the Public Works Commission Law, including:
  - Sets a defined distribution percentage for allocating district public works integrating committees funds to political subdivisions under the State Capital Improvement Program, rather than a graduated percentage depending on the funding year;
  - Eliminates a requirement that the Director of the Public Works Commission (PWC) encourage the development of multidistrict projects by district public works integrating committees; and
  - Eliminates a requirement that the PWC Director establish policies related to the need for long-term control through a lease of real property that is the subject of a Clean Ohio natural resource-related grant application.

## **State employee pay modification authority**

- Authorizes the Director of Administrative Services to temporarily modify pay ranges in current law to achieve pay parity between state employees who are not subject to the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law and those paid in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement that is effective on or after March 1, 2024.
- Limits any modification to the pay period that includes July 1, 2024, through the pay period that includes June 30, 2025.
- Requires the DAS Director to report any modification to the Controlling Board.

## **Emergency clause**

- Declares an emergency, meaning the bill will take effect immediately.