



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments*

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Local government

Extends the operation of the Local Government Innovation Council until December 31, 2019.

Defines "political subdivision" for purposes of the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program, which is administered by the Council.

Authorizes the issuance of Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grants to Lake Facilities Authorities (LFAs).

Increases the competitive bidding threshold amount applicable to LFA construction contracts from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Education

Revises the law regarding qualification of private high schools located outside of the Cleveland Municipal School District to participate in the Cleveland Scholarship Program.

Revises the "third-grade reading proficiency percentage" used to calculate the third-grade reading bonus that is paid to qualifying school districts and community schools.

Requires the State Board of Education to issue an "administrator license," rather than an "alternative administrator license," to an individual who completes the Bright New Leaders for Ohio Schools Program.

Limits exclusion of persons employed by a privately operated community school from State Teachers Retirement System and School Employees Retirement System

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

membership to those employed by an operator that, on or before February 1, 2016, was withholding and paying Social Security taxes for persons employed in that school.

Taxation

Authorizes a reduction in the commercial activity tax for railways' purchases of dyed diesel fuel.

Eliminates the regulatory assessments and fees imposed on certain financial institutions by the Division of Financial Institutions to fund the Division's operations.

Repeals the financial institutions tax (FIT) credit allowed to those institutions for the payment of those assessments and fees.

Authorizes a qualifying partnership formed by a career-technical education compact, subject to voter approval, to issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of acquiring the classroom facilities.

Increases the maximum principal amount and maturity of notes issued by a qualifying partnership in anticipation of a property tax levy to 75% of the estimated levy proceeds and ten years, respectively.

Corrects an error related to the law authorizing a property tax exemption for fraternal organizations.

Workforce development

Workforce Grant Program

Creates the Workforce Grant Program to award grants to eligible students who are pursuing a degree, certification, or license that is required to be employed in a job considered to be an in-demand job in Ohio or one of its regions and terminates the Program on December 31, 2019.

Caps each grant awarded at \$5,000, not to exceed 75% of the cost of tuition per year, and distributes the largest portion of the grant at the end of the student's academic program.

Requires the Chancellor of Higher Education to adopt rules for operating the Program.

Requires the Chancellor, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and the Departments of Job and Family Services and Taxation, to

develop a methodology for collecting information regarding grants awarded and to perform a cost-benefit analysis of program costs against grant recipients' earnings.

Requires the Department of Higher Education to issue a request for proposals to coordinate and conduct the statewide promotion of the Program.

Requires the Department, in consultation with the Department of Education, to adopt rules for distributing information about the Program to Ohio high school students.

Requires the Director of Job and Family Services to determine Ohio regions, and the Department of Job and Family Services to work with public or private institutions in addition to the Governor's Executive Workforce Board as under continuing law to identify jobs that are in demand in Ohio and its regions.

Health and human services

Provides that a certificate of need (CON) for a long-term care facility does not have to be denied because of a previous proposed license revocation notice for a nursing home owned or operated by the CON applicant or a principal participant if the notice was issued solely because the nursing home had already closed or ceased operations.

Provides that a prohibition against assigning or transferring the right to operate a home (nursing home, county home, district home, or residential care facility) that is the subject of a revocation notice or other disciplinary order does not apply if the notice or order is issued solely because the home has already closed or ceased operations.

Makes changes to the definition of an "owner" of a child day-care center, type A family day-care home, or licensed type B family day-care home.

Corrects an erroneous statutory cross-reference in the laws pertaining to the criminal records check that a person must undergo when seeking to practice as a dispensing optician or ophthalmologist.

Other statutory provisions

Requires OSU Extension to pay any fee required under the Criminal Records Check Law if any Extension policy or guideline requires 4-H volunteers to be fingerprinted for purposes of a criminal records check.

Eliminates recently enacted law that stipulates that OSU Extension may require only individuals who become volunteers for 4-H programs on or after September 29, 2015, to be fingerprinted and to be fingerprinted only once.

Requires that personal leave used by a legislative employee be deducted from the employee's leave balance in the manner prescribed by the employee's administrative authority.

Permits the Treasurer of State to determine by rule the total market value of securities that must be pledged to secure the repayment of all uninsured public deposits at a particular public depository, as part of the Ohio Pooled Collateral Program.

Requires a public depositor to be responsible for periodically confirming the accuracy of its account balance with the Treasurer; otherwise, the Treasurer is the sole public depositor responsible for monitoring and ensuring the sufficiency of securities.

Postpones the expiration of agencies, by operation of the Sunset Review Law, until December 31, 2016, thereby preventing affected agencies from expiring until after having been reviewed by the Sunset Review Committee that is being convened during the 131st General Assembly.

Declares an emergency.

Appropriation-related provisions

Department of Education

Increases GRF appropriation item 200597, Education Program Support, by \$500,000 in each fiscal year and earmarks those amounts to support the Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK) program in Ohio.

Increases DPF Fund 5RE0 appropriation item 200697, School District TPP Supplement, by \$5,900,000 in FY 2016 and \$44,000,000 in FY 2017.

Appropriates additional amounts for 200697 if they are necessary to fully fund TPP supplement payments to school districts. Authorizes the Director of Budget and Management to transfer the necessary amount of cash from the GRF to Fund 5RE0 if the cash balance in Fund 5RE0 is insufficient to make the payments.

Department of Higher Education

Eliminates an earmark of \$250,000 from GRF appropriation item 235591, Co-op Internship Program, which would have been used to establish and support the Wright State Policy Institute at Wright State University and the Workforce Immersion Program at the Wright State Policy Institute. Decreases, by \$250,000 in each fiscal year, the amount appropriated to 235591. (An earmark of \$500,000 in each fiscal year from 235591 to support the operations of the Wright State Public Policy Institute at Wright State University remains.)



Increases GRF appropriation item 235533, Higher Education Program Support, by \$220,000 in FY 2016 and earmarks the same amount from 235533 in FY 2016 to be used by Wright State University for security upgrades necessary for hosting the presidential debate in the fall of 2016.

Department of Commerce

Allows the Director of Commerce to transfer up to \$9.3 million in fiscal year 2016 and \$10.3 million in fiscal year 2017 in unclaimed funds that have been reported by holders under R.C. 169.05 to the Banks Fund (Fund 5440) or the Savings Institutions Fund (Fund 5450) to supplement amounts in Fund 5440 and Fund 5450 that are available for the oversight of bank organizations.

Requires the Department of Commerce to refund assessments collected after January 1, 2015, from Fund 5440 or Fund 5450 and requires the Director to certify those amounts refunded to the Director of Budget and Management. Specifies refunds shall be equal to the amount assessed.

Allows the Director of Budget and Management to increase FY 2016 appropriations in Fund 5440 or Fund 5450 up to the refund amounts certified.

Department of Natural Resources

Appropriates \$125,000 in FY 2016 under new GRF appropriation item 725510, Indian Lake Watershed Project, and earmarks this amount to support the administrative expenses of Indian Lake Watershed Project, Inc.

Department of Developmental Disabilities

Eliminates an earmark of \$50,000 each fiscal year from GRF appropriation item 322451, Family Support Services, supporting the Beck Center for the Performing Arts. Decreases the amount appropriated to 322451 by the same amounts.

Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

Changes the amount appropriated for certain GRF appropriation items in FY 2016, but does not change the total amount of GRF appropriated for the Department's use in FY 2016, as follows:

(1) Increases GRF appropriation item 501321, Institutional Operations, \$4,880,852, from \$950,215,085 to \$955,095,937.

(2) Decreases GRF appropriation item 501406, Adult Correctional Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, by \$6,340,000, from \$82,595,700 to \$76,255,700.

(3) Increases GRF appropriation item 505321, Institution Medical Services, by \$1,459,148, from \$240,000,000 to \$241,459,148.

OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program

Amends Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly to increase appropriation item 090610, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program (Fund 5NH0) by \$7.5 million in FY 2016 and to eliminate the related requirement to reappropriate the unexpended, unencumbered amount of cash remaining in appropriation item 235684, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program (Fund 5NH0) at the end of FY 2015 to appropriation item 090610 for the same purpose in FY 2016.

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