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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

### S.B. 54 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

#### House Finance

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The substitute bill, I\_135\_0342-4, removes the existing bill content establishing the New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund and replaces it with the following:

#### Appropriations changes

All operating appropriations are for FY 2025 and capital appropriations are for the FY 2025-2026 biennium.

Sub. S.B. 54 appropriations	
Agency	Purpose
Secretary of State	Transfers \$15 million from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund to reimburse county boards of elections for costs related to the May 2025 primary and special election ( <i>Section 4</i> ).
Attorney General	Appropriates \$600,000 for the Pike County Capital Case ( <i>Section 12</i> ).
Department of Natural Resources	Redirects a \$18,000 earmark from Rockford Community Park Public Restrooms to Rockford Community Park Improvements. Redirects \$7,500 from the Antwerp Riverside Park Fitness Trail to the Putnam County Trails Project. Redirects a \$75,000 earmark from the Van Wert Reservoir Trails to Hiestand Woods Park and Preserve. ( <i>Section 10</i> ).
Departments of Natural Resources and Mental Health and Addiction Services	Changes the funding source for a \$70,000 earmark supporting the Madeira Dawson Promenade Connector from a fund in the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to a fund in the Department of Natural Resources ( <i>Section 6</i> ).

Sub. S.B. 54 appropriations	
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Facilities Construction Commission	<p>Transfers \$500,000 appropriation and earmark for the Alliance for Working Together from Lakeland Community College to the Facilities Construction Commission.</p> <p>Decreases reappropriations by \$100,000 and eliminates an earmark for the Medina County Radio System – Seville Tower.</p> <p>Redirects a \$300,000 earmark from the Gloria Theater and the Urbana Youth Center improvements to the Champaign County YMCA project (<i>Section 6</i>).</p>
Office of Budget and Management	<p>Redirects \$350,000 from Fort Jennings Park Pedestrian Bridge and Park Improvements to \$250,000 to the Paulding County Historical Society Museum and \$100,000 to the Putnam County Trails Project.</p> <p>Renames a \$400,000 earmark from “Milford Five Points Landing Community Center” to “Milford Five Points Landing.”</p> <p>Removes a \$240,000 earmark for the Preble County Fairgrounds Exhibit Fence and a \$236,900 earmark for the Preble County Fairgrounds Roof; adds the \$700,000 to the earmark for the Preble County Fairgrounds Stall Barns Project.</p> <p>Increases from \$350,000 to \$450,000 an earmark for Medina County Radio System – Seville Tower.</p> <p>Decreases from \$300,000 to \$200,000, an earmark for Medina County Sheriff Office Jail Safety Enhancement.</p> <p>Eliminates a \$1 million earmark for Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton – West Carrollton Health Center Construction and instead establishes two \$500,000 earmarks, one for West Carrollton River District Whitewater Park and one for Saint Vincent de Paul Social Services Emergency Shelter for Men (<i>Section 10</i>).</p>
Department of Public Safety	<p>Removes a \$197,000 earmark for a mail room pilot program at the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and reallocates \$98,500 for mail room security pilot programs at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and the Mandel Jewish Community Center and \$98,500 to JewishAkron for a mail room security pilot program (<i>Section 12</i>).</p>
Broadcast Educational Media Commission	<p>Appropriates \$2,143,003 to the Commission for Ohio Public TV-Radio (\$2,054,503) and Ohio Radio Reading Services Equipment (\$88,500) for the FY 2025-2026 capital biennium and increases the authority of the Treasurer of State to issue and sell new bonds to support the appropriation (<i>Section 10</i>).</p>

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Facilities Construction Commission (FCC) and Ohio University	Moves a \$50,000 earmark for the Chesterhill Lions Club from the FCC to Ohio University ( <i>Section 10</i> ).
Department of Rehabilitation and Correction	Reappropriates \$100,000 to the new Medina County Sheriff Jail Safety Enhancement Fund and redirects up to \$100,000, to support the new fund ( <i>Section 10</i> ).  Appropriates \$37,269,559 from GRF to allow for state employee compensation changes ( <i>Section 7</i> ).
Department of Job and Family Services	Appropriates \$3,334,310 from GRF to allow for state employee compensation changes ( <i>Section 8</i> ).
Mental Health and Addiction Services	Combines two reappropriated earmarks (\$1 million for the Cuyahoga Commission Restoration of Mental Health Diversion Center and \$700,000 for Cuyahoga County) into one earmark, \$1.7 million for the Cuyahoga County Mental Health Diversion Center ( <i>Section 10</i> ).  Increases by \$250,000 and earmarks a reappropriation for the Saint Vincent de Paul Social Services Emergency Shelter for Men ( <i>Section 10</i> ).  Appropriates \$250,000 and earmarks for the 1N5 Foundation to provide suicide prevention in schools ( <i>Section 6</i> ).
Stark Technical College	Moves a \$2 million capital appropriation for Perry Township Whispering Grace Horses and Freedom Farm from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to Stark Technical College ( <i>Section 8</i> ).
Central State University	Appropriates \$125,000 each for the Dayton Dream Center Transitional Housing and East End Whole Family Services Hub Facility Expansion and Renovation.  Eliminates a reappropriation for YWCA Dayton – Huber Heights Campus ( <i>Section 10</i> ).
Ohio History Connection	Expands the use of the Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission earmark to include costs incurred by the education and memorial museums to facilitate visits ( <i>Section 12</i> ).
Department of Natural History and Youngstown State University	Redirects a \$250,000 reappropriation at Youngtown State University, for the Western Reserve Port Authority, instead to the Department of Natural Resources for the Vienna Air Heritage Park ( <i>Section 10</i> ).

Sub. S.B. 54 appropriations	
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Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)	Transfers \$10 million from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund to ODA to disburse to soil and water conservation districts for 2024 drought relief purposes ( <i>Section 5</i> ).

## Sport site selection grant

Expands eligibility for sports site selection grants to include any “competition” that is either governed by an international federation or included in the Olympic games, Pan American games, or Commonwealth games (*R.C. 122.12*).

### Ohio River Commission

Creates the Ohio River Commission within the Department of Development to develop and promote economic development, marine cargo terminal operations, and travel and tourism on the Ohio River and its tributaries.

Specifies the Commission’s powers and duties, which include raising funds through direct solicitation or other fundraising events alone or with other groups and accepting money from individuals and public and private entities.

Creates the Ohio River Commission Fund to be used for the Commission’s purposes and to pay its administrative expenses.

Requires the Controlling Board to approve any expenditures by the Department of Development, the Commission, or any other state agency for capital improvements to promote economic development, marine cargo terminal operations, and travel and tourism on the Ohio River and its tributaries (*R.C. 122.29, 122.291, and 122.292*).

### Ohio Ireland Trade Commission

Creates the Ohio Ireland Trade Commission to study certain economic and policy issues and potential business and academic exchanges.

Specifies that the Commission consists of nine members, with three members appointed from each chamber of the General Assembly and three members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Sets out procedures for the internal operations of the Commission.

Requires the Commission to issue annual reports of its activities and any findings and recommendations.

Allows the Commission to fundraise and to accept gifts from private and public entities (*R.C. 149.60*).