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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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Senate Financial Institutions and Technology

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Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Fund

Creates the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Fund, the same fund created in the As Introduced version of the bill.

Requires payments and penalties paid by a broadband provider who fails to provide tier two broadband service after successfully challenging a project application to be deposited into the Program Fund instead of the General Revenue Fund (GRF).

Requires the Broadband Expansion Program Authority to award program grants under the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program using funds from the Program Fund and other appropriations made by the General Assembly instead of from funds appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose.

Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program funding

Changes the source of funding for program grants in FY 2021 to the same funding mechanism as in the As Introduced version of the bill by (1) removing the \$20 million GRF appropriation, (2) transferring \$20 million from the Facilities Establishment Fund to the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Fund, and (3) reappropriating any unexpended and unencumbered portion at the end of FY 2021 for the same purpose in FY 2022.

Removes GRF appropriations for the Grant Program totaling \$170 million in FY 2022 and \$20 million in FY 2023.