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House Families, Aging, and Human Services

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

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General Assembly intent	
<p>Expresses the intent of the General Assembly to minimize public assistance benefits cliffs in Ohio by introducing legislation that does the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eliminates barriers individuals face in transitioning from public assistance to work; ▪ Transitions public assistance recipients from consumers of state resources to contributors to the economy; 	<p>No provision.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Removes hindrances to financial independence and replaces them with incentives that lead to independence; ▪ Replaces the benefits cliff with a bridge to opportunity; ▪ Streamlines the public assistance process to promote effective communication and coordination by agencies providing assistance through a centralized process that improves information and direction to public assistance recipients. <p><i>(Section 1).</i></p>	
<p>A HAND UP Pilot Program</p>	
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Not later than 180 days after the bill’s effective date, requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to establish a three-year pilot program known as the Actionable Help and New Dignity for Upward Progression (A HAND UP) pilot program. <i>(Section 1(A)(1)).</i></p>
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Requires ODJFS to select four counties in which to operate the pilot program – one metropolitan county, one midsize county, and two rural counties (one of which is in Ohio’s Appalachian region). <i>(Section 1(A)(2)).</i></p>
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>In establishing the pilot program, requires ODJFS to do all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish program eligibility criteria; ▪ Establish conditions for continued program participation; ▪ Establish a competitive application process for employers seeking to participate in the program; ▪ Identify existing subsidized employment programs that provide training to program operators;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish an assessment tool to determine the success of employers participating in the pilot program; ▪ Establish a process by which program participants are connected with employers participating in the program; ▪ Establish a mentorship program; ▪ Identify and establish a financial literacy program for program participants; ▪ Adopt rules as necessary to implement the program. <p><i>(Section 1(B) and (D)).</i></p>
No provision.	Requires ODJFS to (1) provide program participants with a stipend that the participants may use to pay for health care insurance premiums and deductibles or child care expenses and (2) provide employers participating in the program with subsidies for employing program participants. <i>(Section 1(C)).</i>
No provision.	Requires ODJFS (in collaboration with InnovateOhio) to establish a digital application that does all of the following to assist with the administration and operation of the program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calculates a participant’s income based on benefits received and income earned; ▪ Connects program participants with program resources; ▪ Provides educational and motivational resources to participants; ▪ Connects participants with mentors and case workers. <p><i>(Section 1(E)).</i></p>

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No provision.	If a county participating in the program has established an individual development account program, requires ODJFS to request a waiver from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to allow participants to use individual development account funds for purposes other than those specified in federal law. <i>(Section 1(F))</i> .
No provision.	Requires ODJFS to study participants that complete participation in the program and include results of the study in an annual report to the General Assembly. <i>(Section 1(G) and (H))</i> .
No provision.	Appropriates \$10million to ODJFS in both FY 2023 and FY 2024 for administration of the pilot program. <i>(Sections 2 to 4)</i> .