



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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131st General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Grossman and Anielski, Brenner, Duffey, Derickson, Blessing, Kraus, Buchy, Leland

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes restaurants to apply for a payment from the Director of Health equal to 10¢ per pound of perishable food donated to nonprofit organizations distributing food to those in need.
- Appropriates \$1 million from the General Revenue Fund over the fiscal year 2016-2017 biennium to the Department of Health to administer the payment program.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Food donation payments

The bill creates a program through which food service operations, i.e. restaurants, may apply to receive a payment from the Director of Health for perishable food the operation donates to a charitable nonprofit corporation or organization that distributes food to individuals in need without compensation – referred to as an "agency" in the bill. To qualify for a payment, the donated food must be fit for human consumption at the time it was donated, and the operation must submit an application to the Director of Health.¹

The bill requires the Director to either approve or reject an operation's application. A payment must be issued within 90 days after the Director approves an application. The amount of the payment equals 10¢ per pound of qualifying donated food.²

¹ R.C. 3717.60(A) and (D).

² R.C. 3717.60(B).

The bill requires the Director of Health to prescribe, by rule, the information that a food service operation must include with a payment application, including contact information and the weight of perishable food donated to an agency, as certified by the agency. The rules must also prescribe criteria for determining whether a food service operation qualifies for a payment and the number of times annually that an operation may apply for a payment.³

Appropriation

The bill appropriates \$500,000 in each of fiscal years 2016 and 2017 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Health to fund the food donation payment program described above.⁴

HISTORY

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| Introduced | 03-10-15 |

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³ R.C. 3717.60(C).

⁴ Sections 2 and 3.

