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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review

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Quick look...

- The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review’s (JCARR) primary responsibility is to review proposed new, amended, and rescinded rules from over 100 state agencies to ensure they do not exceed the rulemaking authority granted them by the General Assembly.
- JCARR is a ten-member joint legislative committee supported by four full-time staff.
- Biennial budget of \$1.2 million: \$610,000 in FY 2024 and \$620,000 in FY 2025.
 - GRF line item 029321, Operating Expense, provides 100% of JCARR’s funding.

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 029321, Operating Expenses					
\$472,760	\$481,290	\$498,458	\$403,088	\$610,000	\$620,000
% change	1.8%	3.6%	-19.1%	51.3%	1.6%

Agency overview

The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), created in 1977 by the General Assembly is responsible for the oversight of proposed new, amended, and rescinded rules from over 100 state agencies. JCARR is a ten-member joint legislative committee.

JCARR meets and holds public hearings not less than once every three weeks throughout the year. Members are paid a per diem of \$150 for committee work on days when there is not a voting session for their chamber. In addition, members are reimbursed for necessary committee-related travel expenses. JCARR has a staff of four full-time employees, including an executive director, a deputy director, a rule analyst, and a rule processor. The Legislative Service Commission acts as JCARR’s fiscal agent.

Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget

GRF ALI 029321, Operating Expenses

This GRF line item is JCARR’s sole source of funding. The budget appropriates \$610,000 in FY 2024 and \$620,000 in FY 2025 to maintain existing service and staffing levels. Typically, over 90% of JCARR’s funding is allocated for personal services, including wages, salaries, benefits, and various other payroll-related charges. Its staffing consists of four full-time staff, including an executive director, a deputy director, a rule analyst, and a rule processor.

Related temporary law permits JCARR's Executive Director to certify to the Director of Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of this line item at the end of FY 2023 and FY 2024 to be reappropriated to FY 2024 and FY 2025, respectively, and appropriates those amounts.

Vetoed provisions

JCARR review of changes regarding community schools

The Governor vetoed a provision that would have subjected to review by JCARR any changes proposed by the Department of Education and Workforce (formerly named the Department of Education) to the manual containing the standards and procedures used to review or audit the full-time equivalency student enrollment reporting by community schools. In addition, the Governor vetoed two related provisions: (1) requiring JCARR to hold public hearings regarding the changes, consider testimony, and vote to determine whether community schools can reasonably comply with those changes, and (2) prohibiting the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce from implementing any such change to the full-time equivalency manual that may affect community schools without JCARR's determination that those schools can reasonably comply with the proposed changes.