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JFSCD4 Modernize child care language

R.C. 109.57, 349.01, 921.06, 1923.01, 1923.02, 2151.011, 2151.421, 2151.86, 2919.223-2919.226, 2923.124, 2923.126, 2950.034, 2950.11, 2950.13, 3109.51, 3301.52, 3301.53, 3321.01, 3321.05, 3325.07, 3325.071, 3701.63, 3701.80, 3714.03, 3717.42, 3728.01, 3737.22, 3737.83, 3737.841, 3742.01, 3767.41, 3781.06, 3781.10, 3796.30, 3797.06, 3905.064, 0510.021, 4511.01, 4511.81, 4513.182, 4715.36, 5101.29, 5103.03, 5104.01, 5104.013-5104.018, 5104.0111, 5104.02-5104.022, 5104.03, 5104.032-5104.034, 5104.037-5104.039, 5104.04-5104.043, 5104.05-5104.054, 5104.06-5104.09, 5104.13, 5104.14, 5104.25, 5104.30, 5104.301, 5104.31, 5104.32, 5104.35, 5104.36, 5104.99, 5107.60, 5119.37, 5119.371, 5153.175, 5321.01, 5321.03, 5321.051, 5709.65, 5733.36-5733.38, 5733.98, 6109.121

Changes terminology from "day-care" or "child day-care" to "child care."

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD6 ODJFS background checks and continuous licensure

R.C. 109.57, 109.572, 2151.86, 3107.012, 3107.033-3107.035, 3107.14, 5101.29, 5103.02-5103.03, 5103.032, 5103.033, 5103.036, 5103.0313-5103.0314, 5103.0322-5103.323, 5103.326, 5103.0328, 5103.05, 5103.13, 5103.163, 5103.25-5103.259, 5103.50, 5103.0610, Repealed: 5103.037, 5103.0310, 5103.18, 5103.181, 5103.51

Eliminates renewal requirements for ODJFS licenses for institutions, associations, foster caregivers, and private nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camps, resulting in continuous licensure unless revoked.

Recodifies, but (except as noted below) largely maintains the substance of, laws governing background checks for adoptive parents working with an adoption agency, foster caregivers, and association or institution employees or appointees.

Requires the ODJFS Director, rather than an agency director or association or institution as in current law, to request background checks for those individuals.

Fiscal effect: There could be a reduction in administrative costs associated with processing renewals. However, ODJFS will still be monitoring the programs regularly, so any impact is anticipated to be minimal.

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JFSCD25 Family and Children First Councils

R.C. 121.37, 121.381

Requires service coordination under the early intervention program to be provided by an early intervention service provider credentialed by DODD, as opposed to being provided according to ODH rules.

Removes enumerated indicators and priorities to measure child well-being in Ohio.

Permits the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council state office to adopt rules governing the responsibilities of county councils.

Exempts county council contracts from competitive bidding requirements under certain circumstances.

Clarifies that county councils' role in service coordination does not override the decisions of a public children services agency (PCSA) regarding child placement.

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD26 Wellness Block Grant Program

R.C. 121.371, (Repealed)

Repeals the Wellness Block Grant Program, an obsolete program formerly overseen by the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council.

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD27 Rules for licensing substitute care providers

R.C. 121.372, (Repealed)

Eliminates a law that, in 1999, required the establishment by the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council of an office to review rules governing the certification and licensure of substitute care providers in an effort to minimize the number of differing certification or licensing requirements for substitute care providers between ODJFS, OhioMHAS, and DODD.

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD21 Repeal the requirement for multi-system youth action plan

R.C. 121.374, (Repealed)

Repeals a requirement for the Ohio Family and Children First Council to develop a comprehensive multi-system youth action plan, to be submitted to the General Assembly.

Fiscal effect: None, the Council submitted the plan in January 2020.

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JFSCD23 Ohio Automated Service Coordination Information System

R.C. 121.376, 121.37

Requires the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council state office to establish and maintain the Ohio Automated Service Coordination Information System (OASCIS).

Requires county family and children first councils (FCFCs) to enter all information in OASCIS regarding funding sources and families seeking services from the FCFC, and specifies failure to do so may result in the loss of state funding.

Establishes that all information in OASCIS is confidential, and requires FCFCs to establish administrative penalties for inappropriate access, disclosure, and use of information in OASCIS.

Limits access to OASCIS to personnel with training in confidentiality requirements and prohibits researchers from directly accessing it.

Fiscal effect: OASCIS has already been established and is currently in use. However, this would outline what information is required to be entered. If an FCFC fails to enter requirement information, the FCFC could lose state funds.

JFSCD20 County family and children first councils – technical correction

R.C. 121.381

Corrects a cross-reference to the dispute resolution process in a county's family and children first council service coordination mechanism.

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD33 Definition of abused child

R.C. 2151.031

Modifies the definition of "abused child" under the juvenile court law to include a child who is the victim of disseminating, obtaining, or displaying "materials" or "performances" that are "harmful to juveniles," as defined under the criminal law governing sex offenses, where the activity would constitute a criminal sex offense, except that the court need not find that any person has been convicted of the offense in order to find that the child is an abused child.

Includes as an abused child one who has had harm inflicted by a caretaker, where current law, unchanged by the bill, refers to harm inflicted by a parent, guardian, custodian, person having custody or control, or person in loco parentis.

Fiscal effect: Expanding the definition could increase the number of screenings and investigations the PCSAs are required to perform.

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JFSCD50 Redirecting and issuing child support to nonparent caretakers

R.C. 2151.231, 3103.03, 3109.53, 3109.66, 3111.01, 3111.04, 3111.041, 3111.06, 3111.07, 3111.111, 3111.15, 3111.29, 3111.38, 3111.381, 3111.48, 3111.49, 3111.78, 3119.01, 3119.06, 3119.07, 3119.95, 3119.951, 3119.953, 3119.955, 3119.957, 3119.9511, 3119.9513, 3119.9515, 3119.9517, 3119.9519, 3119.9523, 3119.9525, 3119.9527, 3119.9529, 3119.9531, 3119.9533, 3119.9535, 3119.9537, 3119.9539, 3119.9541, 3121.29, 3121.46 (repealed) and Section 812.11

Permits child support amounts under existing child support orders to be redirected, and under new child support orders to be issued, to a nonparent caretaker who is the primary caregiver of a child.

Allows a caretaker to file an application for Title IV-D services with the child support enforcement agency (CSEA) in the county in which the caretaker resides to obtain support for the care of the child.

Requires, upon receipt of a caretaker's Title IV-D application or a referral for Title IV-D services, the CSEA to investigate whether the child is the subject of an existing child support order, and if so, requires an investigation and certain determinations regarding support for the child.

Requires, if a CSEA determines that a child support order exists, the CSEA to determine whether an existing support order should be redirected, and establishes provisions for notice, objection, and effective dates of redirection orders or recommendations.

Requires, if a CSEA determines that no child support order exists, the CSEA to determine whether any reason exists for which a child support order should be imposed, and requires the CSEA to comply with existing laws regarding the administrative issuance of a child support order.

Establishes procedures that a CSEA must follow if it receives notice that a caretaker is no longer the primary caregiver of a child, including what to do if the same caretaker remains the primary caregiver, a new caretaker is the primary caregiver, if a parent is the primary caregiver, or if no one is the primary caregiver of the child.

Requires the impoundment of any funds received on behalf of a child pursuant to a child support order while the CSEA investigates whether a caretaker is no longer the primary caregiver of a child.

Authorizes the ODJFS Director to adopt rules, exempt from the regulatory restriction reduction requirements under Ohio law, to implement the redirection process required in the bill.

Amends several existing law provisions regarding the establishment of parentage and bringing an action for child support to permit caretakers to receive child support.

Adds a statement that appears to attempt to clarify that a parent's duty to support the parent's minor child may be enforced by a child support order.

Requires, if a child who is the subject of a child support order resides with a caretaker and neither parent is the residential parent and legal custodian of the child, the court to issue a child support order requiring each parent to pay that child's child support obligation.

Repeals language in the power of attorney form and caretaker authorization affidavit form regarding grandparents caring for their grandchildren, which language provides that the power of attorney or affidavit does not allow a CSEA to redirect child support payments to the grandparent.

Adds redirection to a list of notices under existing law that must be included in each support order or modification.

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Repeals a provision of law that generally provides that when a support order is issued or modified, the court or CSEA may issue an order requiring payment to a third person that is agreed upon by the parents.

Delays the effective date of these provisions for six months during which time ODJFS may take action to implement those provisions.

Fiscal effect: Some child support enforcement agencies (CSEAs) can currently redirect orders to caretakers. The provision would allow the remaining counties to also redirect these payments. This would increase the casework for these counties and possibly for counties that allow redirection now if they do so only for certain cases. There would be increased administrative costs, the amount of which would depend on the number of cases and the scope of casework involved. There could be a large initial increase in cases.

JFSCD44 Resource caregiver immunity and authority

R.C. 2151.315, 5103.162

Expands the general immunity granted to foster caregivers for acts authorized under the public welfare law to persons who are kinship caregivers.

Specifies that any alleged abused, neglected, or dependent child placed with a resource caregiver (which includes a foster caregiver or a kinship caregiver) is entitled to participate in age-appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities.

Requires a resource caregiver to consider certain factors when determining whether to give permission for a child to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities.

Clarifies that a resource caregiver who grants permission for a child to participate in those activities is immune from liability in a civil action.

Fiscal effect: Expanding immunity could result in a reduction in related court cases, which could decrease court costs.

JFSCD1 Appeal of abuse or neglect report disposition and Statewide Automated Child Welfare System (SACWIS)

R.C. 2151.421, 5101.136, 5101.137

Requires a PCSA that investigated a report of child abuse or neglect to give the alleged perpetrator written notification of the investigation's disposition and of the person's right to appeal the disposition.

Requires ODJFS to adopt rules to implement the above requirement, including the stages at which the PCSA must provide notification, the method for appeal, time limits for appeal and response, and sanctions.

Requires, when a person requests ODJFS to conduct a search of whether that person's name is in the alleged perpetrator registry in SACWIS, that ODJFS send a letter to the person indicating that a "match" exists if a search reveals a "substantiated" disposition.

Requires ODJFS to expunge "substantiated" dispositions of abuse or neglect from the alleged perpetrator registry in SACWIS after 10 years.

Fiscal effect: Possible increased administrative costs for ODJFS and PCSAs.

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JFSCD5 Electronic reporting of child abuse or neglect

R.C. 2151.421

Allows an individual to make a report of child abuse or neglect to a PCSA or peace officer electronically, in addition to the existing law options of making a report by telephone or in person.

Fiscal effect: This could increase the number of reports, which would increase administrative costs.

JFSCD29 Referrals for prevention services

R.C. 2151.421, 2151.423, 5153.16-5153.162

Requires a PCSA to make a referral to an agency providing prevention services if the PCSA, upon conducting an investigation and making a report, determines that the child is a candidate for such services.

Allows a PCSA to disclose confidential information discovered during an investigation to an agency providing prevention services.

Requires a PCSA, as part of its duties, to enter into a contract with an agency providing prevention services.

Fiscal effect: It is possible that this could increase costs for agencies providing prevention services.

JFSCD28 Repeal of State Adoption Assistance Loan Fund

R.C. 3107.018, 5101.143 (Both repealed)

Repeals the laws governing (1) the creation and administration of the State Adoption Assistance Loan Fund and (2) how prospective adoptive parents may apply for loans from the Fund.

Fiscal effect: Minimal, as the number utilizing loans was relatively small.

JFSCD17 Children's Trust Fund Board member terms

R.C. 3109.15

Specifies that a public board member of the Children's Trust Fund Board may serve two consecutive terms after serving the remainder of a term for which the member was appointed to fill a vacancy.

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD18 Children's Trust Fund Board quorum

R.C. 3109.16

Changes the number of Children's Trust Fund Board members required to be present to have a quorum from eight to a majority of the appointed members.

Fiscal effect: None.

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JFSCD22 Children's Trust Fund Board's acceptance of federal funds

R.C. 3109.16

Removes a prohibition against the Children's Trust Fund Board's accepting federal or other funds that require the state to commit funds.

Fiscal effect: None. According to ODJFS, this will allow the Board to use its own funds as match when pursuing additional federal grants.

JFSCD19 Children's advocacy centers

R.C. 3109.17, 3109.178

Eliminates the annual report submitted to the Children's Trust Fund Board by each children's advocacy center that receives funds from the Board.
Removes a requirement that the Board develop and maintain a list of all state and federal funding that may be available for Children's Advocacy Centers.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal decrease in administrative costs.

JFSCD7 Child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council membership

R.C. 3109.172

Removes from each child abuse and neglect regional prevention council a nonvoting member who is a representative of each council's regional prevention coordinator.
Requires each council's regional prevention coordinator to select a council chairperson from among the county prevention specialists serving on the council (current chairperson is the regional prevention coordinator's representative).
Requires members of the council to elect a vice-chairperson at the first regular meeting of each year.
Requires the chairperson to either preside over council meetings or call upon the vice-chairperson to do so.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal decrease in reimbursements due to the provision removing one member.

JFSCD16 Child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council membership and compensation

R.C. 3109.172

Adds parent advocates to the list of county prevention specialists that may be appointed to a child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council.

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD68 Paternity acknowledgments

R.C. 3111.21, 3111.22-3111.24, 3111.31, 3111.44, 3111.71, 3111.72, 3705.091, 3727.17

Allows a CSEA, a local registrar of vital statistics, and a hospital staff person to file an acknowledgment of paternity electronically, in addition to existing law options of filing the acknowledgment in person or by mail.

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Allows each signature of a party to an acknowledgment of paternity to be witnessed by two adult witnesses, in addition to the existing law option of notarizing each signature.

Requires a CSEA or local registrar to provide witnesses to witness, or a notary public to notarize, the signing of an acknowledgment of paternity if the natural mother and alleged father sign an acknowledgment at the relevant location (existing law only requires the CSEA or local registrar to provide a notary public).

Requires a contract between a hospital and ODJFS to include a provision to require the hospital provide a notary public to notarize, or witnesses to witness, an acknowledgment of paternity affidavit signed by the mother and father, when an unmarried woman gives birth in or en route to that hospital, and requires each hospital to provide a staff person to do this (existing law only requires the hospital to provide a notary public).

Eliminates existing requirements for incorrectly completed acknowledgments of paternity that the Office of Child Support within ODJFS receives and instead requires ODJFS to adopt rules regarding how such acknowledgments are handled, including a requirement that ODJFS provide a new form and a notice describing the errors to the parties who filed the acknowledgment.

Fiscal effect: This provision could result in some administrative cost efficiencies.

JFSCD24 Information required to request an administrative paternity determination repealed

R.C. 3111.40, (Repealed)

Repeals a provision that requires certain information about the alleged father, the mother, and the child to be included in a request for an administrative determination of paternity.

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD53 Withholding past due support from lottery winnings

R.C. 3123.89, 3770.071, 3770.99

Eliminates references to an obsolete paper-based process for withholding past due child and spousal support from an obligor's lottery winnings if the winnings meet a threshold amount.

Retains the requirement to withhold past due support from those lottery winnings using an existing real-time data match program.

Fiscal effect: None.

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JFSCD9 Office of the Migrant Agricultural Ombudsperson

R.C. 3733.471, Conforming changes in 3733.41, 3733.43, 3733.431, 3733.45-3733.47, Repealed: 3733.49, 4141.031,

Eliminates the Office of the Migrant Agricultural Ombudsperson established under the authority of the ODJFS Director.

Requires reports of violations regarding agricultural labor camps to be made to the State Monitor Advocate appointed under federal law to conduct outreach and monitor services provided to migrant and seasonal farmworkers, instead of the Migrant Agricultural Ombudsperson as under current law.

Fiscal effect: None, this is codifying current practice.

JFSCD65 Disclosure of information – Unemployment Compensation Law

R.C. 4141.21

Specifies that information maintained by the ODJFS Director or the Unemployment Compensation Review Commission (UCRC) or furnished to the ODJFS Director or UCRC by employers and employees under the Unemployment Compensation Law is not a public record under the Ohio Public Records Act.

Eliminates the following current law exemptions from the prohibition on disclosure of information maintained by the ODJFS Director or the UCRC, and instead requires the ODJFS Director to adopt rules to allow for such disclosures that conform to federal law requirements: (1) the release of information pursuant to the continuing law Income and Eligibility Verification System; and (2) the release of information to certain federal, state, and other agencies as authorized under continuing law.

Allows the ODJFS Director to adopt rules to allow for the disclosure of information that conform to federal law requirements, including rules that allow for the following new exceptions to the general disclosure prohibition: (1) the release of information by the ODJFS Director's or UCRC's consent; (2) the release of information in accordance with an order of a judge of a court of record; (3) the release of information in accordance with continuing law requirements that apply to a state agency that maintains a personal information system; and (4) the release of information about an individual or employer to that individual or employer, or the individual's or employer's authorized representative, on request.

Eliminates the prohibition on information maintained by the Director or the UCRC from being used in any court or used as evidence in any action, other than one arising under the Unemployment Compensation Law.

Permits the ODJFS Director to adopt rules that conform to federal law requirements to allow for the release of information and records necessary or useful in a claim for benefits determination or necessary in verifying a charge to an employer's account for examination and use by the employer and the employee involved or their authorized representatives in the hearing of such cases.

Allows the ODJFS Director to adopt rules that conform to federal law requirements to allow for the release of information in statistical form for the use and information of the public or an agency or other entity.

Fiscal effect: Minimal costs to adopt rules.

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JFSCD59 **Acceptable collateral from certain reimbursing employers**

R.C. **4141.241**

Makes surety bonds the only acceptable form of collateral that a nonprofit employer wishing to be a reimbursing employer under the Unemployment Compensation Law may submit.

Fiscal effect: If any nonprofit employers currently use any other form of collateral, the nonprofit employer would need to instead use a surety bond or not be able to continue as a reimbursing employer. Reimbursing employers must reimburse the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund for any unemployment benefits paid out on their behalf.

JFSCD60 **Identity verification – application for determination of unemployment benefits**

R.C. **4141.28**

Requires an individual filing an application for determination of benefit rights for unemployment benefits to furnish proof of identity at the time of filing in the manner prescribed by the ODJFS Director.

Requires the ODJFS Director to adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which an applicant must furnish proof of identity.

Fiscal effect: Any impact depends on the rules adopted.

JFSCD55 **Unemployment benefits reductions based on receiving certain pay**

R.C. **4141.31**

Reduces unemployment benefits otherwise payable by the full amount of holiday pay paid to a claimant for that week.

Reduces unemployment benefits otherwise payable to a claimant who receives bonus pay by an amount equal to the claimant's weekly benefit in the first and each succeeding week following the claimant's separation from employment with the employer paying the bonus, until the total bonus amount is exhausted.

Fiscal effect: This could reduce unemployment benefit amounts made from the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. The amount would depend on the number of impacted claimants and the amount of holiday and bonus pay.

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JFSCD58 Disclosure of information and participation in certain federal programs – Unemployment Compensation Law

R.C. 4141.43

Allows the ODJFS Director to adopt rules to allow for the disclosure of otherwise confidential information maintained by the ODJFS Director or the UCRC that conform to federal law requirements as follows: (1) to a federal or state public official, or an agent or contractor of such an official, for use in the performance of official duties, including research related to the administration of those duties; (2) pursuant to an order of a judge of a court of record; (3) pursuant to a subpoena issued by a local, state, or federal government official, other than a clerk of court on behalf of a litigant; (4) to a prosecuting authority, law enforcement officer, or law enforcement agency if the ODJFS Director determines that providing the information is in the best interests of the public and does not interfere with the efficient administration of ODJFS; (5) to a consumer reporting agency; and (6) pursuant to a federal law requirement.

Prohibits disclosure of information maintained by the ODJFS Director or UCRC for the purpose of solicitation of contributions or expenditures to or on behalf of a candidate for public or political office or to a political party.

Eliminates the ODJFS Director's ability to employ, jointly with one or more agencies or departments, auditors, examiners, inspectors, and other employees necessary for the administration of the Unemployment Compensation Law and employment and training services.

Specifies that a current law provision requiring the ODJFS Director to take action as necessary to secure all advantages available under certain federal laws does not require the ODJFS Director to participate in, nor precludes the ODJFS Director from ceasing to participate in, any voluntary, optional, special, or emergency program offered by the federal government under specified existing federal laws or any other federal program enacted to address exceptional unemployment conditions.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

JFSCD43 Driver's licenses and permits for dependent minors

R.C. 4507.07, 2307.22, and 5103.162

Authorizes a minor's representative to sign a minor's application for a probationary driver's license, restricted license, or temporary instruction permit (license or permit), in addition to a parent, guardian, or another person having custody of the minor, as in current law.

Specifies that a minor's representative is a person who has custody of a minor under the age of 18 and who is one of the following: (1) a representative of a private child placing agency (PCPA) or PCSA; or (2) a resource caregiver (a foster or kinship caregiver) who has placement of a child in the custody of a PCPA or PCSA.

Specifies that the imputed liability for a minor's negligence or willful and wanton conduct that is assigned to a parent or guardian who signs a license or permit application does not apply to a minor's representative who signs the application.

Requires ODJFS or a minor's representative to verify that a minor has proof of financial responsibility (auto insurance) before the minor's representative signs the minor's license or permit application.

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Requires ODJFS, an agent of ODJFS, or the minor's representative to provide the Registrar of Motor Vehicles with proof that the minor has auto insurance.

Requires ODJFS or the minor's representative to notify the Registrar and surrender the minor's license or permit to the Registrar upon determining that the minor does not have auto insurance, and requires the Registrar to cancel the license or permit in that event.

Requires a foster caregiver and a kinship caregiver to use the reasonable prudent parent standard when signing the minor's license or permit application.

Fiscal effect: ODJFS budgeted about \$7.0 million per fiscal year in GRF funds to cover expenses including the licenses, insurance, etc. These funds are now in GRF ALI 830506, Family and Children Services, under DCY. It is also possible that additional driver's licenses or permits may be issued via the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, thus increasing fees deposited into Fund 5TM0.

JFSCD14 Removal of hearing rights for Kinship Support program denials

R.C. 5101.1411

Removes the requirement for a state hearing when ODJFS denies or terminates Kinship Support payments.

Fiscal effect: Possible reduction in hearing costs.

JFSCD10 ODJFS disclosure of information definitions

R.C. 5101.26, 5101.28, 5107.36

In the laws governing ODJFS reporting and Ohio Works First eligibility:

- (1) Replaces the term "fugitive felon" with "fleeing felon" and includes violators of both parole and post-release control sanctions as fleeing felons.
- (2) Modifies the definition of "law enforcement agency" to broadly include the office of a sheriff, the State Highway Patrol, a county prosecuting attorney, or a governmental body that enforces criminal laws and has employees with the power of arrest, as opposed to listing specific entities.
- (3) Expands the definition of "public assistance" to include any publicly-financed program that provides money or vendor payments on the basis of financial and other eligibility conditions, but excludes social services from that definition.

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD67 Disclosure of public assistance recipient information

R.C. 5101.27, 5101.30

Modifies current law to specify that it is the responsibility of ODJFS and county agencies to keep information regarding public assistance recipients confidential, instead of prohibiting any person or government entity from sharing public assistance data for purposes other than administering that public assistance program.

Specifies that information that does not identify an individual may be released in summary, statistical, or aggregate form.

Permits ODJFS to share public assistance recipient information with public agencies for use in fulfilling their duties and to others for research purposes.

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Also permits ODJFS and county agencies to release information about a public assistance recipient to anyone identified in writing by the recipient, instead of only to an authorized representative, a legal guardian, or the recipient's attorney.

Prohibits information regarding a public assistance recipient from being disclosed for solicitation of contributions or expenditures to or on behalf of a candidate for public office or a political party.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

JFSCD66 Disclosure of information about public assistance recipients to law enforcement

R.C. 5101.28

Permits, rather than requires, ODJFS, county departments of job and family services (CDJFSs), and PCSAs to share information regarding public assistance recipients with law enforcement agencies.

Eliminates the requirement that a request for information include sufficient information to specifically identify the recipient.

Eliminates the civil immunity granted specifically to ODJFS, CDJFSs, and PCSAs and their officers and employees for damages from releasing information.

Eliminates the requirement that ODJFS, CDJFSs, and PCSAs provide access to the Auditor of State or other government entities authorized to conduct audits of public assistance programs.

Clarifies that ODJFS, CDJFSs, and PCSAs are not prohibited from reporting any known or suspected child abuse or neglect, instead of abuse or neglect pertaining to children receiving public assistance.

Fiscal effect: Any impacts will depend on if any of these entities choose to share this information since this is now permissive.

JFSCD31 Rulemaking regarding public assistance information

R.C. 5101.30, (Repealed)

Repeals law that requires the ODJFS Director to adopt rules to implement the law governing the custody, use, disclosure, and preservation of information related to the administration of public assistance programs.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

JFSCD52 Ohio Commission on Fatherhood

R.C. 5101.342, 5101.80, 5101.801, 5101.805, conforming changes in 3125.18, 5101.35, 5153.16

Codifies the authorization of the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood to recommend the ODJFS Director provide funding to fatherhood programs in the state that meet at least one of the four purposes of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant.

Fiscal effect: None.

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JFSCD30 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) spending plan

R.C. 5101.806

Extends the amount of time ODJFS has to submit a TANF spending plan to the General Assembly after the end of the first state fiscal year of the fiscal biennium to 60 days (from 30 days).

Fiscal effect: None.

JFSCD15 Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children

R.C. 5103.20

Conforms the current Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) governing interstate placement of abused, neglected, dependent, delinquent, or unmanageable children and children for possible adoption with the proposed new ICPC that makes changes primarily to its jurisdiction and placement requirements.

Fiscal effect: There could be costs to ensure these changes are implemented. However, these are required as part of the interstate compact.

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JFSCD46 Ohio Child Welfare Training Program changes

R.C. 5103.37, 5103.41, 5103.422 (renumbered to 5103.42), 5153.122, and 5153.123, conforming changes in 5103.391, 5153.124, 5153.127, Repealed: 5103.301, 5103.31, 5103.33-5103.363, 5103.38, 5103.42, 5103.421

Eliminates the requirements that PCSA caseworkers and PCSA caseworker supervisors complete a specified number of hours of in-service training during the first year of employment and domestic violence training during the first two years of employment.

Eliminates the requirements that ODJFS establish eight child welfare training regions in Ohio and that each region contain only one training center but maintains the requirement that ODJFS designate and review training regions.

Repeals current law governing the OCWTP that does the following:

- (1) Requires that the training comply with ODJFS rules;
- (2) Requires the ODJFS Director to adopt rules for implementation of the OCWTP;
- (3) Requires ODJFS to monitor and evaluate the OCWTP;
- (4) Requires ODJFS to contract with an OCWTP coordinator each biennium and governs the development, issuance, and responses to requests for proposals to serve as the OCWTP coordinator;
- (5) Requires ODJFS to oversee the OCWTP coordinator's development, implementation, and management of the OCWTP;
- (6) Requires PCSAs in specified counties to establish and maintain regional training centers and each executive director of those counties to appoint a manager of the training center;
- (7) Requires that the training be made available to foster caregivers regardless of the type of recommending agency from which the caregiver seeks a recommendation.

Fiscal effect: Any impact depends on rules adopted.

JFSCD2 Child Care Advisory Council

R.C. 5104.08

Adds three nonvoting members to the Child Care Advisory Council: the Ohio Head Start Collaboration Director, and representatives of child care and child welfare.

Adds three voting members: representatives of approved child day camps, head start programs, and PCSAs.

Removes representatives of unlicensed type B homes and parents of children receiving care in those homes.

Expands the Council's duties to include advising the ODJFS Director about the approval of child day camps, publicly funded child care, and Step Up to Quality.

Fiscal effect: Possible minimal increase in reimbursement costs for additional members.

Executive

JFSCD12 Publicly funded child care - adjustments to provider reimbursement rates

R.C. 5104.302, 5104.30

Maintains the requirement that the ODJFS Director establish in rule in each odd-numbered year reimbursement rates for publicly funded child care providers, but also requires the ODJFS Director to contract with a third-party entity to analyze child care price information for the subsequent even-numbered year.

Authorizes the ODJFS Director, based on the information analyzed, to adjust provider reimbursement rates for the even-numbered year and requires the adjustments to be made by rule.

Authorizes a third-party entity under contract with the ODJFS Director, when analyzing child care price information, to consider the most recent market rate survey.

Fiscal effect: ODJFS could have increased costs to contract with a third-party entity. Additionally, reimbursements to providers could be adjusted based on the information analyzed under the contract.

JFSCD3 Ohio Works First Work Experience Program workers' compensation

R.C. 5107.54

Clarifies that workers' compensation premiums for people placed in the Ohio Works First Work Experience Program (WEP) only need to be paid for those actually participating in WEP.

Fiscal effect: Assuming, this is clarifying current practice, there would be no fiscal impact.

JFSCD32 Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program administration

R.C. 5153.163

Switches the responsibility for entering kinship guardian assistance program agreements with relatives from PCSAs to ODJFS.

Requires the PCSA that had custody of a child before the court granted legal custody or guardianship to a relative to make specific eligibility determinations and authorizes the PCSA to make other eligibility determinations.

Changes the frequency for reviewing a child's continuing need for services under the State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy program and Kinship Guardianship Assistance program from annually to a frequency determined by rules adopted by ODJFS, which are exempt from the regulatory restriction reduction requirements under Ohio law.

Fiscal effect: None.

Executive

JFSCD13 Allow former foster youth to inspect case records

R.C. 5153.17

Requires a PCSA to allow an adult who was formerly placed in foster care to inspect records pertaining to the time in foster care upon request, including medical, mental health, school, and legal records and a comprehensive summary of reasons why the adult was placed in foster care.

Allows the agency's executive director or the director's designee to redact information that is specific to other individuals if that information does not directly pertain to the adult's records or comprehensive summary.

Fiscal effect: This would increase PCSA's administrative costs. The costs will depend on the number of individuals requesting to inspect these records.

JFSCD8 Workforce report for horizontal well production

R.C. 6301.12, (Repealed)

Eliminates the requirement that the Office of Workforce Development within ODJFS prepare an annual report reviewing the economic impact of businesses engaged in the production of horizontal wells in Ohio.

Fiscal effect: Minimal reduction of administrative costs.

JFSCD34 County Administrative Funds

Section: 307.20

Permits GRF ALI 600521, Family Assistance - Local, to be used by CDJFSs to administer food assistance and disability assistance programs.

Requires \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 600521 to be provided to assist CDJFSs that submit an approved plan on increasing fraud prevention, early detection of fraud, and potential fraud investigations that may be occurring in public assistance programs.

Permits GRF ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, to be used by CDJFSs to administer the Medicaid Program and the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Allows the ODJFS Director to request the OBM Director to transfer appropriations between GRF ALI 600521, Family Assistance - Local and GRF ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local Transportation.

Allows the ODJFS Director to request the OBM Director to transfer appropriations between ALI 655523, Medicaid Program Support - Local Transportation and ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local.

JFSCD35 Name of Food Stamp Program

Section: 307.30

Specifies that the ODJFS Director is not required to amend rules regarding the Food Stamp Program to change the name to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Allows the ODJFS Director to refer to the program as the Food Stamp Program, SNAP, or the Food Assistance Program in ODJFS's rules and documents.

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JFSCD36 Ohio Association of Food Banks

Section: 307.40

Earmarks a total of up to \$22,050,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Association of Food Banks from GRF ALI 600410, TANF State Maintenance of Effort, Fund 4A80 ALI 600658, Public Assistance Activities, and Fund 3V60 ALI 600689, TANF Block Grant.

Requires the earmark be used to purchase and distribute food products, support Innovative Summer Meals programs for children, provide SNAP outreach and free tax filling services, and provide capacity building equipment for food pantries and soup kitchens.

Requires the ODJFS Director to provide funds for the Ohio Association of Food Banks in an amount not less than \$24,550,000 in each fiscal year. Specifies that this amount includes the \$22,050,000 in each fiscal year specified above.

Requires ODJFS to count eligible nonfederal expenditures made by member food banks of the Ohio Association of Food Banks toward TANF maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements. Requires the ODJFS Director to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Association of Food Banks to carry out the requirements under this section.

JFSCD37 Toledo Seagate Foodbank

Section: 307.41

Requires \$250,000 in each fiscal year from Fund 3V60 ALI 600689, TANF Block Grant, be provided to the Toledo Seagate Foodbank.

JFSCD38 Ohio Association of Foodbanks Subgrant

Section: 307.43

Requires ODJFS to enter into a subgrant agreement with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to enable the Association to: provide food distribution to low-income families and individuals, support transportation of meals for the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Innovative Summer Meals programs for children, and provide capacity building equipment to food pantries and soup kitchens.

Requires the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to do the following:

- (1) Purchase food for the Agriculture Clearance and Ohio Food Programs.
- (2) Support the Capacity Building Grant program and purchase equipment for partner agencies that is needed to increase their capacity to serve more families eligible under the TANF program.
- (3) Submit a quarterly report to ODJFS not later than sixty days after the close of the quarter to which the report pertains.
- (4) Submit an annual report, with specified information, to the Agreement Manager at ODJFS not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year.

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JFSCD39 Food Stamp Transfer

Section: 307.50

Allows the OBM Director, upon request of the ODJFS Director, to transfer up to \$1,000,000 cash in FY 2024 from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Fund (Fund 3840) to the Food Assistance Fund (Fund 5ES0).

JFSCD40 Public Assistance Activities/TANF MOE

Section: 307.60

Requires that Fund 4A80 ALI 600658, Public Assistance Activities, be used by ODJFS to meet the TANF MOE requirements.

Permits, once the state is assured that it will meet the MOE requirement, ODJFS to use the ALI to support public assistance activities.

JFSCD41 TANF State Maintenance of Effort

Section: 307.70

Requires \$7,500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 600410, TANF State Maintenance of Effort, be allocated to the Ohio Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, with at least \$150,000 in each fiscal year for the Boys and Girls Club of Massillon.

JFSCD42 TANF Block Grant

Section: 307.80

Makes the following earmarks in Fund 3V60 ALI 600689, TANF Block Grant:

- (1) Up to \$13,535,000 in each fiscal year to support programs or organizations that provide services that align with the mission and goals of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.
- (2) Up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Independent Living Initiative.
- (3) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for Ohio Children's Trust Fund.
- (4) \$1,175,000 in each fiscal year for the Children's Hunger Alliance.
- (5) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio.
- (6) \$750,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Council of YWCAs.
- (7) \$200,000 in each fiscal year for Marriage Works! Ohio in Dayton.

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JFSCD11 Career Navigator Pilot Program

Section: 307.85

Requires \$3,025,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 600450, Program Operations, be used to support a career navigator pilot program serving high school students with post-graduation planning. Requires the following regarding these funds: up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year be used to establish a two-year pilot program to employ career navigators at select local boards, and up to \$25,000 in each fiscal year be used to conduct an evaluation of the program, which must be completed three months after the pilot program's end.

JFSCD47 Child Support Collection Pilot

Section: 307.90

Permits up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 600450, Program Operations, be used to assist up to ten county CSEAs administer a pilot program to secure consistent child support payments in targeted non-payment child support cases and to participate in a study to identify strategies for highest success for obtaining collections.

JFSCD48 La Soupe

Section: 307.95

Earmarks \$1,770,000 in FY 2024 in GRF ALI 600450, Program Operations, for La Soupe, Inc. to establish services in three new sites in Ohio.

JFSCD49 Elevate Northland

Section: 307.100

Earmarks \$500,000 in FY 2024 in GRF ALI 600450, Program Operations, for Elevate Northland and requires funds be used for capital improvements to Elevate Northland Center in the Northland area.

JFSCD51 Child, Family, and Community Protection Services

Section: 307.120

Requires GRF ALI 600533, Child, Family, and Community Protection Services, be distributed to CDJFSs.

Requires CDJFSs use the funds for specified purposes in accordance with the written plan of cooperation entered into between a county board of commissioners, a CDJFS, and a county workforce development agency to enhance administration of the Ohio Works First Program, the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Program, and other family services and workforce development activities.

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JFSCD54 Adult Protective Services

Section: 307.130

Requires a total of \$7,040,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 600534, Adult Protective Services, be used to provide an initial allocation of \$80,000 to each county.

Requires the remainder of the ALI be provided to counties in accordance with the formula that ODJFS established regarding payments to counties for part of their costs for children services.

JFSCD56 Parenting and Pregnancy Program

Section: 307.135

Requires GRF ALI 600561, Parenting and Pregnancy Program, be used to support the Ohio Parenting and Pregnancy Program.

JFSCD57 Adoption Grant Program

Section: 307.140

Requires GRF ALI 600562, Adoption Grant Program, be used, in consultation with DCY, to administer grants to adoptive parents through the Adoption Grant Program.

JFSCD61 Federal Discretionary Grants

Section: 307.150

Requires up to \$195,000 in each fiscal year in Fund 3950 ALI 600616, Federal Discretionary Grants, be used for the training of guardians ad litem and court-appointed special advocates and to conduct a study to demonstrate the impact of court-appointed special advocate volunteers on outcomes for children who are in child welfare custody.

JFSCD62 Childrens Crisis Care Facilities

Section: 307.210

Allows up to \$265,000 in each fiscal year in Fund 5TZ0 ALI 600674, Childrens Crisis Care Facilities, be provided to Brigid's Path.

Requires the remainder of the ALI be provided to children's crisis care facilities, allocated based on the total length of stay or days of care for each child residing in the facility. Specifies that this is determined by calculating the total days each child resides at the crisis care facility, including the date of admission, but not the day of discharge.

Allows a children's crisis care facility to decline to receive such funding.

Requires a children's crisis care facility that accepts funds to use funds in accordance with state laws and rules governing these facilities.

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JFSCD63 **Fiduciary and holding account fund groups**

Section: 307.220

Requires that the Fiduciary Fund Group and Holding Account Fund Group be used to hold revenues until the appropriate fund is determined or until the revenues are directed to the appropriate governmental agency other than ODJFS. Specifies that any ODJFS' refunds or reconciliations received or held by ODM be transferred or credited to the Refunds and Audit Settlement Fund (Fund R012).

Permits the ODJFS Director to request the OBM Director to authorize expenditures from the Support Intercept - Federal Fund (Fund 1920), the Support Intercept - State Fund (Fund 5830), the Food Stamp Offset Fund (Fund 5B60), or the Refunds and Audit Settlements Fund (Fund R012), if receipts credited to these funds exceed appropriations. Appropriates the additional amounts upon approval of the OBM Director.

JFSCD64 **ARPA Childcare**

Section: 307.230

Requires \$150,000,000 in FY 2024 in Fund 5CV3 ALI 6006A7, ARPA Childcare, be used by ODJFS, in consultation with DCY, to:

- 1) Establish a child care scholarship for critical occupations and other direct service professionals as identified in consultation with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation. Requires individuals awarded scholarships to have incomes that are less than 200% of the federal poverty level.
- 2) Increase access to licensed child care programs for infants and toddlers and streamline administrative efficiency of the childcare program, in accordance with the program guidelines for the use of these funds provided by the U.S Department of the Treasury.

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AGOCD26 Victims of Human Trafficking Fund

R.C. 5101.87

Changes the administration of the state's Victims of Human Trafficking Fund (Fund 5NG0) from ODJFS to AGO.

Fiscal effect: The administrative costs associated with Fund 5NG0 will shift from ODJFS to AGO. Fund 5NG0 is used to provide treatment, care, rehabilitation, education, housing, and assistance for victims of trafficking in persons. It receives nominal revenues.

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OBMCD41 Cash transfers and abolishment of funds

Section: 516.10

For purposes of abolishing various funds that are no longer needed, authorizes the OBM Director to carry out necessary accounting procedures, including transferring the remaining cash balances from the funds that are to be abolished, canceling existing encumbrances, and reestablishing those encumbrances against appropriate funds.

Lists the funds to be abolished, including funds used by: COM, DAS, DEV, OhioMHAS, ODPS, BEMC, OFCC, INS, ODJFS, OPD, and Ohio EPA.

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CACCD3 Withholding past due support from casino and sports gaming winnings

R.C. 3123.90

Clarifies that, when a casino operator or sports gaming proprietor withholds past due child or spousal support from a patron's winnings, the operator or proprietor must transmit the funds to ODJFS by electronic means.

Fiscal effect: None

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KIDCD1 Creation of the Department of Children and Youth

R.C. 5180.01, 121.02, 121.03, 121.35, 121.37, 121.40, 3109.15-3109.17, 3109.179, 5101.34-5101.342, 5180.02, Sections 130.10-103.16 and 423.140

Creates DCY on July 1, 2023, to serve as the state's primary children's services agency and establishes the position of DCY Director.

Requires DCY to facilitate and coordinate the delivery of children's services in Ohio.

Addresses the transfer of duties to DCY relating to children's services, including by doing the following:

(1) Requiring specified Directors (DCY, ODJFS, ODE, ODH, DODD, ODM, OhioMHAS, and DEV), or their designees, to identify and develop a plan to transfer children's services duties, functions, programs, and staff to DCY by January 1, 2025.

(2) Transferring to the new DCY 90 days after the bill's effective date responsibilities currently charged to ODJFS regarding the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council, the Children's Trust Fund Board, and the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

Requires the OBM Director to make budget and accounting changes to implement the transfer of duties, functions, and programs to DCY, including renaming, transferring, creating, and consolidating funds. Allows the OBM Director to also cancel or establish encumbrances and transfer appropriations between impacted agencies as necessary. Appropriates any encumbrances.

Fiscal effect: There will be administrative costs to develop a plan to facilitate this transfer. There will also be costs to establish the office (e.g. office space, supplies, etc.). Staff will be transferred from other impacted agencies, so associated personnel costs will instead be reflected in DCY's budget.

KIDCD7 Early Childhood Education

Section: 423.40

Earmarks up to \$20,000,000 in each fiscal year of Fund 5KT0 ALI 830606, Early Childhood Education, in coordination with ODJFS, to achieve Step Up to Quality (SUTQ) goals.

Requires DCY, in coordination with ODE, to distribute GRF ALI 830407, Early Childhood Education, to school districts, JVSs, ESCs, community schools sponsored by an exemplary sponsor, chartered nonpublic schools, and licensed childcare providers that meet at least the third highest tier of the SUTQ Program for children who are at least three years old but not yet eligible for kindergarten, and whose families earn not more than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Earmarks up to 2% of GRF ALI 830407, Early Childhood Education, to be used by DCY for program support and technical assistance. Requires DCY to distribute the remainder to pay the costs of early childhood programs that serve eligible children, first to existing providers that received early childhood education funds in the previous fiscal year and the balance to new eligible providers or to existing providers to serve more eligible children or for purposes of program expansion, improvement, or special projects to promote quality and innovation, including piloting all-day programming.

Requires DCY to distribute new or remaining funds to serve more eligible children where there is a need, as determined by DCY, and specifies that such funds be distributed based on community economic disadvantage, limited access to high quality preschool or childcare services, and demonstration of high quality preschool services.

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Requires awards to providers be distributed on a per-pupil basis and that per-pupil funding be sufficient to provide eligible children with services for a standard early childhood schedule, defined as a minimum of 12.5 hours per week, for the minimum school year.

Requires DCY to conduct an annual survey of each provider to determine whether the provider charges families tuition or fees, the amount the families are charged relative to family income levels, and the number of families and students charged.

Specifies the following for participating programs: (1) requires funds awarded to be used to support expenses directly related to the operation of an early childhood education program, (2) prohibits development and administration costs from exceeding 15% of the cost of each program, (3) requires maintenance of fiscal records, (4) requires implementation of a corrective action plan, when needed, (5) requires participation in the SUTQ program, (6) requires providers who are not highly rated under the SUTQ program to meet certain program requirements, including (a) certain qualifications for teachers, (b) alignment of curriculum to the early learning content standards, (c) documentation and reporting of child progress, (d) adherence to early learning program standards, and (e) administration of certain child or program assessments, (7) requires providers who are highly rated to comply with the requirements under the SUTQ system, and (8) requires charging a fee, based on a sliding scale, to families who earn more than 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Requires eligible expenditures to be claimed each fiscal year to help meet the state's TANF maintenance of effort requirement and requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the DCY Director, and the ODJFS Director to enter into an interagency agreement to fulfill this requirement including developing reporting guidelines for these expenditures.

Requires DCY and ODJFS to continue to align the application process, program eligibility, funding, attendance policies, and attendance tracking for early childhood programs in both agencies.

Requires DCY to provide an annual report regarding early childhood education programs and the early learning program standards.

Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$114.2 million in each fiscal year to GRF ALI 830407 and \$20.0 million in each fiscal year to Fund 5KT0 ALI 830606 for early childhood education programs.

KIDCD11 Family and Children Services and Activities**Section: 423.70, 423.80**

Makes the following earmarks in GRF ALI 830506, Family and Children Services:

(1) Up to \$25,000,000 in each fiscal year to assist with the expense of providing services to youth requiring support from multiple systems. Allows these funds to be used for youth in the custody of a PCSA, or at risk of entering custody, by custody relinquishment or another mechanism. Requires the DCY Director to adopt rules to administer the funding.

(2) Up to \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year to incentivize best practices. Requires the DCY Director to adopt rules to administer this funding.

(3) Up to \$145,040,010 in FY 2024 and up to \$155,040,010 in FY 2025 to be provided, in coordination with ODJFS, to PCSAs, including \$200,000 to each county and the remaining amount distributed to counties using a statutory formula developed by ODJFS that addresses payments to counties for part of their children services costs.

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(4) Up to \$8,500,000 in each fiscal year to be used to support the Kinship Care Navigator Program, which may be used to match eligible federal Title IV-E funds.

Requires counties that contributed local funds in fiscal year 2019 to the county children services fund, to continue to contribute funds if the state child protective services allocation in FY 2024 and FY 2025 exceeds the amount provided in FY 2019.

Requires the DCY Director, in consultation and coordination with the ODJFS Director, to adopt rules, which include a hardship provision, to determine the amount of local funds each county must contribute.

Requires Fund 4F10 ALI 830607, Family and Children Activities, to be used to expend miscellaneous foundation funds and grants to support family and children services activities.

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GOVCD3 Electronic notification, meeting, and data storage law changes

R.C. 127.15, 173.03, 753.19, 1121.38, 1509.06, 1513.071, 1513.08, 1513.16, 1565.12, 1571.05, 1571.08, 1571.10, 1571.14, 1571.15, 1571.16, 1707.02, 1707.04, 1707.042, 1707.091, 1707.11, 1707.43, 1733.16, 2941.401, 3111.23, 3301.05, 3302.04, 3310.521, 3313.41, 3313.818, 3314.21, 3319.081, 3319.11, 3319.16, 3319.291, 3319.311, 3321.13, 3321.21, 3704.03, 3734.02, 3734.021, 3734.575, 3746.09, 3752.11, 3772.031, 3772.04, 3772.11, 3772.12, 3772.13, 3772.131, 3781.08, 3781.11, 3781.25, 3781.29, 3781.342, 3904.08, 4121.19, 4123.512, 4123.52, 4125.03, 4141.09, 4141.47, 4167.10, 4301.17, 4301.30, 4303.24, 4507.081, 4508.021, 4509.101, 4510.03, 4510.41, 4735.13, 4735.14, 5107.161, 5120.14, 5165.193, 5165.86, 5166.303, 5168.08, 5168.22, 5168.23, 5525.01, 5703.37, 5709.83, 5736.041, 5751.40, 1509.031, 3745.019, Repealed: R.C. 5123.195

Implements a 2020 initiative of the Common Sense Initiative to make changes throughout the Revised Code to partly reflect the advancements in technology related to notifications, meetings, data storage, and certain other government functions. (For more detailed analysis of these changes, please see the Electronic Notification and Meetings section (pages 311-338) of the LSC Bill Analysis for H.B. 33.)

Makes specific changes, including removal of obsolete provisions, to facilitate the use of electronic communications, including websites, in the daily operations for the following entities: CAC, COM, DODD, ODE, Ohio EPA, INS, ODJFS, ODPS, PUCO, TAX, ODOT, and ODWIS.

Modifies the type of communication media through which a required notice of events or services may be made by generally adding the option of electronic, including email, delivery or mail delivery by a commercial/common carrier and removing the outdated telegraph method for the following entities: CEB, CAC, COM, ODE, Ohio EPA, ODJFS, ODM, ODNR, PUCO, DRC, ODWIS, and municipalities.

Permits meeting via electronic means, instead of in-person meetings, on specified matters provided that the meetings still allow for interactive public attendance for the following entities: Ohio Advisory Council for the Aging, Internet- or computer-based community schools, school districts or other public schools, ODPS-Register of Motor Vehicles, counties, townships, and municipalities.

Permits or requires the establishment of electronic means of submission for such services as licensure, approvals, and other by the following entities: ODNR’s Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, school districts, ODE, solid waste management districts, and courts of record.

Modifies or removes references related to creating or retaining stenographic records of certain proceedings for the following entities: COM, ODNR, ODE, school districts, Ohio EPA, and ODWIS.

Fiscal effect: TAX has estimated savings of approximately \$3.4 million per year for the agency. Ohio EPA has estimated annual savings of over \$750,000. Other affected state agencies will also likely realize some administrative cost savings as will affected local governments.

Executive**BORCD65 WorkFORCE Ohio****Section: 381.150**

Requires that GRF ALI 235422, WorkFORCE Ohio, be used to address critical education and training needs to support continued economic development across the state through a dynamically skilled, productive, and purposeful workforce.

Requires the Chancellor, prior to the allocation of these funds to do all of the following:

- (1) Conduct an asset mapping analysis of current programs at Ohio's institutions of higher education and OTCs, including availability and capacity, that align with the workforce needs of this state over the next decade;
- (2) Analyze such findings by region and industry; and
- (3) Produce recommendations for how to increase opportunities for Ohioans to pursue certificates, credentials, and degrees that will lead to critically needed high-demand jobs.

Permits the Chancellor, in allocating these funds to consult with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, ODE, ODJFS, and other stakeholders as determined by the Chancellor to be appropriate.

Reappropriates the available balance of GRF ALI 235422, WorkFORCE Ohio, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

BORCD67 Adult Literacy Initiatives**Section: 381.170**

Requires that GRF ALI 235427, Adult Literacy Initiatives, be used to implement strategies designed to increase literacy among Ohio's adult population.

Requires a portion of the funding in each fiscal year be used for evidence-based literacy professional development and training opportunities for faculty at public or private, nonprofit institutions, with priority for those that teach reading instruction. Requires the Chancellor to determine a method for allocating funds consistent with the goal of encouraging faculty to increase their knowledge, awareness, and adoption of evidence-based literacy approaches, including the science of reading.

Requires a portion of the funding in each fiscal year be used to support all of the following:

- (1) Literacy instruction for students not eligible for Aspire services due to National Reporting System assessment standards, as determined by the Chancellor;
- (2) Instructional services for adult English language learners; and
- (3) Evidence-based and high-quality professional development initiatives for Aspire instructors that support all levels of adult learners to create an impact of literacy instruction being delivered across the state of Ohio by all instructors to all levels of learners.

Requires the Chancellor, not later than March 31, 2024, to do all of the following:

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- (1) Review all educator preparation programs at public and private, nonprofit colleges and universities and develop a summary of the curriculum used at those institutions to provide training in the pedagogy of literacy, including the extent to which the curriculum is aligned with the science of reading;
- (2) Analyze curriculum used in Aspire programming for alignment with best practices for literacy education; and
- (3) Analyze, in consultation with ODJFS, Aspire programs available in Ohio, with emphasis on communities with the highest unemployment and underemployment rates and lowest rates of high school completion.

Requires the Chancellor and ODJFS Director, upon completion of the Aspire availability analysis, to do all of the following:

- (1) Assess and develop recommended best practices on how ODJFS connects those on unemployment, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and other public benefits programs, as appropriate, to Aspire program options; and
- (2) Develop strategies to implement these best practices and consider mechanisms of accountability to encourage those enrolled in public benefits programs to complete Aspire programming.

Reappropriates, with OBM Director approval, an amount requested by ODHE, up to the available balance of GRF ALI 235427, Adult Literacy Initiatives, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

BORCD81 Super RAPIDS

Section: 381.610

Requires that Fund 5CV3 ALI 235687, Super RAPIDS, be used by the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) and the Chancellor to support collaborative projects among state institutions of higher education, OTCs, and other secondary and postsecondary education and workforce-related entities to strengthen education and training opportunities that maximize workforce development area in regions throughout the state.

Requires these funds be used to support efforts that build capacity, remove employment and training barriers for prospective and unemployed workers, develop and strengthen business-led strategies in the impacted industries, and provide local guided solutions to employment for communities in economic transition.

Requires the Chancellor and OWT to consult with DEV and other stakeholders as determined to be appropriate, to define Ohio regions and distribute these funds to those regions.

Permits a portion of the funds in each fiscal year to be used by OWT to meet urgent workforce development and job creation needs throughout the state.

Requires the Chancellor and OWT to develop and use a proposal and review process to award funds under the program, giving priority to proposals that demonstrate all of the following:

- (1) Clear compliance with all applicable state and federal rules and regulations;
- (2) Collaboration between and among state institutions of higher education, OTCs, and other education and appropriate workforce-related entities;
- (3) Evidence of meaningful business support and engagement;

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- (4) Identification of targeted occupations and industries supported by data, which sources must include OWT, OhioMeansJobs, ODJFS labor market information, and lists of in-demand occupations;
 - (5) Sustainability beyond the grant period with the opportunity to provide continued value and impact to the region; and
 - (6) Evidence of a strong commitment to invest in one or more of the following areas: (a) broadband/5G, (b) cybersecurity, (c) health care, (d) transportation, (e) advanced manufacturing, and (f) trades.
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MCDCD12 Non-emergency medical transportation**Section: 333.130**

Permits the OBM Director, at the request of the ODM Director, to transfer state share appropriations between GRF ALI 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, in the ODM budget and GRF ALI 655523, Medicaid Program Support - Local Transportation, in the ODJFS budget to ensure access to a non-emergency medical transportation brokerage program. Requires that the OBM Director adjust the federal share of 651525 and Fund 3F01 ALI 655624, Medicaid Program Support - Federal, in the ODJFS budget, accordingly. Requires the ODM Director to transmit federal funds it receives for the transaction to the Medicaid Program Support Fund (Fund 3F01), used by ODJFS.

MCDCD14 Home and community based services appropriations - state**Section: 333.150**

Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures in Fund 5HC8 ALIs 651698, MCD Home and Community Based Services, 653698, DDD Home and Community Based Services, 652698, MHA Home and Community Based Services, 655698, JFS Home and Community Based Services, and 656698, AGE Home and Community Based Services, conditional on the additional expenditures being offset by equal expenditure reductions in another of these identified ALIs.

Stipulates that any additional expenditures shall be used in accordance with federal rules and shall comply with ODM's Medicaid state plan approved by the federal government. Appropriates any additional expenditures.

MCDCD15 Home and community based services appropriations - federal**Section: 333.160**

Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures in Fund 3HC8 ALIs 651699, MCD Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 653699, DDD Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 652699, MHA Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 655699, JFS Home and Community Based Services – Federal, and 656699, AGE Home and Community Based Services – Federal, conditional on the additional expenditures being offset by equal expenditure reductions in another of these identified line items.

Stipulates that any additional expenditures be used in accordance with federal rules and comply with ODM's Medicaid state plan approved by the federal government. Appropriates any additional expenditures.

Executive

MCDCD17 Work Community Engagement Program - county costs

Section: 333.180

Permits the OBM Director, upon request of the ODM Director, to transfer state share appropriations in each fiscal year between GRF ALI 651525, Medicaid Health Care Services, used by ODM, and GRF ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, used by ODJFS. Requires federal shares to be adjusted accordingly if such a transfer occurs.

Requires any increase to be provided to CDJFSs to be used only for costs related to transitioning to a new work and community engagement program under the Medicaid program. Prohibits funds from being used for existing and ongoing operating expenses.

Requires the ODM Director to establish criteria for distributing these funds and for CDJFSs to submit allowable expenses.

MCDCD19 Public assistance for eligibility determinations due to end of public health emergency

Section: 333.200

Requires that during the FY 2024 - FY 2025 biennium, all transfers from the Medicaid Income Maintenance (IM) Control allocation to other IM Control Programs (SNAP & TANF) or other allocations require prior approval by the ODM Director, to facilitate the resumption of routine Medicaid eligibility redeterminations.

Permits the ODM Director to apply criteria regarding when transfers may occur, and permits funds from GRF ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, in ODJFS, to be distributed based on performance criteria.

Executive

DPSCD25 SNAP and WIC benefit trafficking – Ohio Investigative Unit

R.C. 2913.46

Prohibits an individual from knowingly trafficking Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits or from knowingly soliciting SNAP or WIC benefits, as well as selling, transferring, or trading them as under continuing law.

Fiscal effect: Minimal; provides a reference to federal rule, which may make it easier to directly link evidence to SNAP or WIC violations and prosecute violators.
