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**AGRCD10 Seed sharing and seed libraries**

**R.C. 907.091, 907.01**

Exempts seed libraries and participants in seed swap events or non-commercial seed sharing from seed labeling, permitting, and sales reporting requirements if certain conditions are met, including that any seed must be exchanged without remuneration.

No provision.

Defines (1) a seed library as a non-profit, governmental, or cooperative organization that facilitates the donation, exchange, preservation, and dissemination of seeds, free of charge; and (2) a seed swap event as an organized and publicly promoted event where non-commercial seed sharing takes place.

No provision.

Disqualifies seed sharing activities from the bill's exemption if seeds are provided for compensation or shared with an expectation that seeds must be returned in exchange.

No provision.

Requires non-commercial seed sharing participants, seed libraries, and organizers of seed swap events to maintain a seed log that identifies certain information, such as the source of all seeds received by the seed library or offered for exchange during seed swap events.

No provision.

Allows AGR to (1) request access and review the seed log at any time and (2) enter any public or private place of business to gain access to any seeds for sampling or any records.

No provision.

**Fiscal effect: None apparent.**

**AGRCD9 Legume inoculant registration fee**

**R.C. 907.30, (Repealed), 907.27, 907.32**

Eliminates the legume inoculator's annual license, which authorizes a person to apply legume inoculants to seed for sale, and the associated \$5 application fee.

**R.C. 907.30, (Repealed), 907.27, 907.32**

Same as the Executive.

**Fiscal effect: Loss in license fee revenue for the Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (Fund 4C90), but also a corresponding reduction in workload.**

**Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.**

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AGRCD13 Agricultural commodity handlers - claims

No provision.

R.C. 926.18

Revises several of the circumstances under which claims by a depositor of agricultural commodities with an agricultural commodity handler who fails to pay the depositor are reimbursed at 100% from the Agricultural Commodity Depositors Fund (Fund 4980) by doing the following if the handler's license is suspended: (1) If the handler failed to pay for the commodities on or before the suspension date, increasing the number of days by which the commodities had to be priced prior to suspension from 30 days to 45 days; (2) If there is a deferred payment agreement between the depositor and the handler: (a) increasing the number of days by which the commodities had to be priced prior to the suspension from 90 days to 365 days, and (b) increasing the number of days by which payment for the commodity must be made pursuant to the agreement from 90 days to 365 days following the date of delivery; and (c) requiring that the agreement between the handler and depositor be signed.

No provision.

Adds that reimbursement must occur at 100% if the commodities were delivered and marketed under a delayed price agreement up to two years prior to the commodity handler's license suspension. Stipulates that the fund has no liability if the delayed price agreement was entered into more than two years prior to the commodity handler's license suspension.

No provision.

If a commodity depositor's loss involves circumstances other than those at which reimbursement is required at 100% under existing law or the amendment, decreases the fund's liability to an amount equal to 75% of the loss, rather than 100% of the first \$10,000 and 80% of the remaining dollar value of that loss.

**Fiscal effect: This provision will likely increase amounts paid to depositors from the Agricultural Commodity Depositors Fund (Fund 4980), which has a April 2023 balance of approximately \$15.8 million.**

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**AGRCD7 Amusement ride reinspections**

**R.C. 993.04**

Requires an amusement ride owner to pay a reinspection fee and a temporary amusement ride owner to pay a supplemental inspection fee if rules adopted by the AGR Director require reinspections or supplemental inspections for the safe operation of the ride.

**Fiscal effect: Increases revenue deposited into the Amusement Rides Fund (Fund 5780).**

**R.C. 993.04**

Same as the Executive.

**Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.**

**AGRCD12 Auctioneer continuing education exemption**

No provision.

**R.C. 4707.101**

States that the continuing education requirements for licensed auctioneers established under current law do not apply to a licensed auctioneer who: (1) was licensed as an apprentice auctioneer under law repealed by H.B. 321 of the 134th General Assembly on September 13, 2022; and (2) completed the apprenticeship prior to that date.

**AGRCD1 Farmland Preservation**

**Section: 211.20**

Earmarks \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 700409, Farmland Preservation, to (1) purchase agricultural easements and (2) provide matching grants to municipal corporations, counties, townships, soil and water conservation districts, and certain charitable organizations for the purchase of agriculture easements. Requires the purchases to be approved by Controlling Board.

No provision.

**AGRCD2 County Agricultural Societies**

**Section: 211.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 700501, County Agricultural Societies, be used to reimburse county and independent agricultural societies for expenses related to Junior Fair activities.

**Section: 211.20**

Same as the Executive.

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**AGRCD3 Soil and Water District Support**

**Section: 211.20**

Earmarks \$7,000,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 700509, Soil and Water District Support, to be used to support county soil and water conservation districts in the Western Lake Erie Basin and other regions designated by the AGR Director for (1) staffing costs and (2) to assist in soil testing and nutrient management plan development.

**Section: 211.20**

Same as the Executive.

**AGRCD11 Local fairs**

No provision.

**Section: 211.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 700512, Local Fairs, be used to support county and independent agricultural societies.

**AGRCD4 Soil and Water Districts**

**Section: 211.20**

Allows AGR, in addition to state matching payments, to use Fund 5BV0 ALI 700661, Soil and Water Districts, to pay any soil and water conservation district an annual amount not to exceed \$40,000 upon receipt of request and justification from the district and approval by the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Requires these payments to be deposited into the district's Special Fund.

**Section: 211.20**

Same as the Executive.

**AGRCD5 H2Ohio Fund**

**Section: 211.20**

Requires AGR to establish programs to assist in reducing total phosphorous and dissolved reactive phosphorus in the Western Lake Erie Basin and other regions designated by the AGR Director.

**Section: 211.20**

Same as the Executive.

Requires that Fund 6H20 ALI 700670, H2Ohio, be used to support these programs, including (1) purchasing various nutrient placement and testing equipment, (2) creating a revolving loan program, and (3) providing matching funds for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program in the Western Lake Erie and Scioto River basins.

Same as the Executive.

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Earmarks not less than \$10,700,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI for programs to assist in reducing total phosphorus, dissolved reactive phosphorus, sediment, and other nutrients in the Western Lake Erie Basin.

Same as the Executive.

No provision.

Earmarks \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year for AGR to establish a water quality pilot program focused on legacy phosphorus fields, in consultation with the Lake Erie Commission, Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and the Ohio State University Extension. Requires the pilot program to assist farmers, agricultural retailers, and soil and water conservation districts in reducing phosphorus and dissolved reactive phosphorous discharging from legacy phosphorus fields. Specifies the purposes of the earmark, including (1) identifying and evaluating legacy phosphorus fields for characteristics of high phosphorus run-off, (2) collaborating with agricultural retailers and other agricultural organizations, (3) soil testing, (4) water management and edge-of-field drainage management strategies, (5) phosphorus removal structures, (6) monitoring and evaluating effectiveness of practices, and (7) implementation of nutrient best management practices according to data collected by soil and water conservation districts.

Reappropriates the amount certified by the AGR Director, up to the available balance of Fund 6H20 ALI 700670, H2Ohio, at the end of FY 2024, for the same uses in FY 2025.

Same as the Executive.

**AGRCD6 Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating**

**Section: 211.20**

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Requires Fund 7057 ALI 700632, Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating, to be used to administer the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program.

Same as the Executive.

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**OBMCD38 Fiscal year 2023 General Revenue Fund ending balance**

**Section: 513.10**

Requires the OBM Director to determine the GRF surplus revenue that existed on June 30, 2023, and transfer cash, up to the actual surplus revenue amount, from the GRF as follows:

- (1) Up to \$2,400,000,000 to the All Ohio Future Fund (Fund 5XM0);
- (2) Up to \$1,000,000,000 to the Health and Human Services Reserve Fund (Fund 5SA4);
- (3) Up to \$307,196,000 to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20);
- (4) Up to \$200,000,000 to the Career Technical Education Facilities Fund (Fund 5ZJ0);
- (5) Up to \$50,000,000 to the Local Jail Grant Fund (Fund 5ZQ0);
- (6) Up to \$190,000,000 to the EXPO 2050 Fund (Fund 5ZN0);
- (7) Up to \$150,000,000 to the Innovation Hubs Fund (Fund 5ZK0);
- (8) Up to \$140,000,000 to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750);
- (9) Up to \$125,000,000 to the Rail Safety Crossing Fund (Fund 5ZP0);
- (10) Up to \$65,000,000 to the Veterans Homes Modernization Fund (Fund 5Z00);
- (11) No provision.
- (12) Up to \$50,000,000 to the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0);
- (13) No provision.

**Section: 513.10**

Same as the Executive, but changes the transfers as follows:

- (1) Same as the Executive, but decreases the amount of the transfer to \$500,000,000.
- (2) No provision.
- (3) Same as the Executive.
- (4) No provision.
- (5) Same as the Executive, but increases the amount of the transfer to \$200,000,000.
- (6) Same as the Executive.
- (7) Same as the Executive but reduces the transfer amount to \$25,000,000.
- (8) No provision.
- (9) No provision.
- (10) Same as the Executive.
- (11) Up to \$102,000,000 cash to the Local Projects Fund (Fund 5ZZ0);
- (12) Same as the Executive.
- (13) Up to \$150,000,000 cash to the Downtown Development Grant Fund (Fund 5ZU0);

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(14) No provision.	(14) Up to \$50,000,000 cash to the Township Development Grant Fund (Fund 5ZV0);
(15) No provision.	(15) Up to \$25,000,000 cash to the Cultural Center Grant Fund (Fund 5ZW0);
(16) No provision.	(16) Up to \$25,000,000 cash to the County and Independent Fairs Grant Fund (Fund 5ZX0);
(17) No provision.	(17) Up to \$196,260,000 cash to the Third Frontier Research and Development Bond Retirement Fund (Fund 7070);
(18) No provision.	(18) Up to \$18,340,000 cash to the Coal Research and Development Bond Retirement Fund (Fund 7076);
(19) No provision.	(19) \$54,558,000 cash to the newly created Hospital Relief Fund (Fund 5AE1);
(20) No provision.	(20) Up to \$50,000,000 cash to the Airport Development Grants Fund (Fund 5AC1);
(21) No provision.	(21) Up to \$1,000,000,000 cash to the Connect4Ohio Fund (Fund 5ZR0);
(22) No provision.	(22) Up to \$100,000,000 cash to the newly created Super RAPIDS Fund (Fund 5AH1);
(23) No provision.	(23) Up to \$33,000,000 cash to the newly created Accelerated School Assistance Program Fund (Fund 5AG1);
(24) No provision.	(24) \$30,000,000 cash to the newly created Child Care Infrastructure Fund (Fund 5AK1);
(25) No provision.	(25) Up to \$50,000,000 cash to the Broadband Pole Replacement Fund (Fund 5AI1);
(26) No provision.	(26) Up to \$30,000,000 cash to the newly created Foodbanks Fund (Fund 5AJ1);
No provision.	(27) Up to \$5,000,000 cash to the newly created Ohio Aviation Workforce Innovation Fund (Fund 5AF1).
Requires that the remaining amount of the surplus revenue remain in the GRF.	Same as the Executive.

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**OBMCD40 Utility Radiological Safety Board assessments**

**Section: 514.10**

Specifies the maximum amounts, unless the agency and nuclear electric utility mutually agree to a higher amount by contract, that may be assessed against nuclear electric utilities according to codified law and deposited into the following funds:

\$109,800 in FY 2024 and \$112,900 in FY 2025 to the Utility Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 4E40) used by AGR;

\$1,405,870 in FY 2024 and \$1,474,757 in FY 2025 to the Radiation Emergency Response Fund (Fund 6100) used by ODH;

\$332,287 in each fiscal year to the ER Radiological Safety Fund (Fund 6440) used by the Ohio EPA; and

\$1,435,000 in FY 2024 and \$1,449,000 in FY 2025 to the Emergency Response Plan Fund (Fund 6570) used by ODPS.

**Section: 514.10**

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**EPACD13 Extension of sunset on fees on the sale of tires**

**R.C. 3734.901**

Extends, for two years through June 30, 2026, the sunset date of the \$1.00 per tire fee on the sale of tires which is distributed as follows: (1) 50¢ to the Scrap Tire Management Fund (4R50) and (2) 50¢ to the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0).

**Fiscal effect: Preserves the annual revenue totaling \$7.8 million and split evenly between Fund 4R50 used by Ohio EPA and 5BV0 used by AGR.**

**R.C. 3734.901**

Same as the Executive.

**Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.**

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**LECCD1 Cash transfers to the Lake Erie Protection Fund**

**Section: 319.10**

Permits the OBM Director to transfer up to \$25,000 in each fiscal year from each of the following funds to the Lake Erie Protection Fund (Fund 4C00):

- (a) Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0) used by Ohio EPA.
- (b) Pesticide, Fertilizer and Lime Fund (Fund 6690) used by AGR.
- (c) General Operations Fund (Fund 4700) used by ODH.
- (d) Central Support Indirect Chargeback Fund (Fund 1570) used by ODNR.
- (e) Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) used by ODOT.
- (f) Supportive Services Fund (Fund 1350) used by DEV.

Permits Fund 4C00 to accept contributions and transfers made to the fund.

**Section: 319.10**

Same as the Executive.

- (a) Same as the Executive.
- (b) Same as the Executive.
- (c) Same as the Executive.
- (d) Same as the Executive.
- (e) Same as the Executive.
- (f) Same as the Executive.

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