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DASCD22 Software purchases

R.C. 9.27

Prohibits a contract entered into by the state for a purchase, in which a state agency receives a license to use a software application designed to run on generally available desktop or server hardware or cloud platforms, from including a requirement that the state agency install or run the software on hardware or in a cloud platform dedicated solely to the state agency, or a requirement that otherwise restricts the state agency from installing or running the software on hardware or in a cloud platform of the state agency's choosing.

Fiscal effect: Potentially reduces costs from redundant software licensing.

DASCD32 Procurement law and public records

R.C. 9.28, 125.071, 125.11

Clarifies that all documents related to a competitive selection, (including competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals, reverse auctions, and electronic procurement) are not public records until after the contract has been awarded.

Eliminates a provision that specifies such documents are public records after a competitive selection is cancelled.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD40 Office of Risk Management attorney-client privilege

R.C. 9.821

Requires the AGO and appointed counsel to share communications and documents with the Office of Risk Management made for the purpose of seeking legal advice in connection with certain actual or potential legal matters involving the Office's programs.

Establishes that all such documents shared between the Office and a state agency or the Attorney General are privileged and confidential.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD39 Notice of open meeting on a public body's website

R.C. 121.22

Requires a public body to establish a method for announcing all scheduled and special meetings on the public body's website, instead of requiring that the method be established by rule.

Allows any advance notification to include electronically mailing the agenda of meetings to all subscribers on an electronic mailing list.

Removes the reference of making an advance notification using self addressed, stamped envelopes provided by a person requesting an advance notice.

Fiscal effect: Small cost savings for public entities subject to the meeting notification requirements.

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DASCD37 State civil service

R.C. 124.02

Replaces the requirement that the DAS Director and the State Personnel Board of Review exercise former functions, powers, and duties given to the State Civil Service Commission with a requirement that the Director and Board exercise functions, powers, and duties actually given to the Commission on or before January 1, 1959.

Eliminates the requirement that any reference in law or rule to the Commission be considered to refer to DAS, the DAS Director, or the Board.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD24 Human resources services for colleges, universities, and municipalities

R.C. 124.07

Eliminates the authority for the DAS Director to designate individuals in or out of the service of the state to serve as examiners or assistants under the Director's direction, while retaining the Director's current law authority to appoint examiners, inspectors, clerks, and other assistants as necessary to carry out the law.

Eliminates a requirement that an examiner or assistant be paid compensation for each day in the discharge of duties as an examiner or assistant.

Eliminates a provision specifying that rendering services in connection with an examination without extra compensation is part of an examiner's or assistant's official duties.

Eliminates a requirement that the Director, examiners, inspectors, clerks, and assistants receive reimbursement for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the actual discharge of their official duties.

Eliminates the ability of a state-supported college or university or a municipal corporation to use services and facilities furnished by DAS to provide and maintain payroll services and state merit standards.

Eliminates the Director's ability to enter into an agreement with any county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision to furnish DAS services and facilities in the administration of a merit program or other functions related to human resources, including providing competitive examinations for positions in the classified service.

Eliminates the Director's ability to designate the municipal civil service commission of the largest city within a county as the Director's agent for the purpose of carrying out designated provisions of law administered by the Director within that county.

Eliminates the ability of the Director to incur necessary expenses for stationery, printing, and other supplies incident to DAS business.

Fiscal effect: None. The affected services are no longer offered by DAS.

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DASCD23 Paid leave for emergency medical or firefighting service

R.C. 124.1310

Increases, from 40 to 120 hours, the amount of paid leave a state employee may use each year to provide emergency medical or firefighting services. Expands the reasons for which a state employee may use the leave to include attending a training or continuing education program that relates to providing emergency medical or firefighting services.

Fiscal effect: Additional paid leave for state employees who provide emergency medical or firefighting services would not directly increase costs for state agencies, as these employees would otherwise receive their regular pay at the same rate. However, state agencies could incur some additional costs if the employee's leave results in overtime or a need to hire additional staff to cover the employee's workload while on leave.

DASCD38 Exempt employee salary schedules

R.C. 124.152, 5503.031 (repealed), Section 701.30

Eliminates statutory pay schedules E-1 and E-2 for exempt state employees.

Requires the DAS Director, in consultation with the OBM Director, to create schedules E-1 and E-2, report them to the Controlling Board, publish them, and assign exempt state employees to pay ranges within them based on job classification plan developed by the DAS Director under continuing law.

Repeals a requirement that certain officers of the State Highway Patrol be paid in accordance with specific pay ranges in statutory schedule E-1 eliminated by the bill.

Repeals a prohibition against an exempt employee other than a captain or equivalent officer in the State Highway Patrol from being placed in step value 7 in range 17 of statutory pay schedule E-1 eliminated by the bill.

Fiscal effect: Any fiscal effect would depend on the exempt salary schedules developed by the DAS Director. Presumably they would mirror the existing E-1 and E-2 salary schedules initially, but any future changes are unknown.

DASCD36 Disability leave benefits

R.C. 124.385

Makes a full-time permanent state employee with at least one year of service eligible for disability leave benefits if the employee is entitled to disability benefits under a collective bargaining agreement.

Eliminates the requirement that the DAS Director adopt a rule regarding the disability leave program pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, thus subjecting the required rule adoption to the abbreviated (R.C. 111.15) rulemaking procedure.

Requires the Director to adopt rules that allow disability leave due to a condition.

Eliminates the requirement that the rules the Director adopts include the following: (1) timing requirements regarding the procedure for appealing denial of payment of a claim, (2) approving leave of absence for medical reasons where an employee is in no pay status after using all other leave time, and (3) provisions precluding the payment of benefits to ensure they are provided in a consistent manner.

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Specifies that the adjudication hearing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act do not apply to the procedures for appealing denial of payment of a claim.

Eliminates the prohibition against charging time off for an employee granted disability leave to any other leave.

Eliminates the requirement that the Director approve disability leave on the appointing authority's recommendation and eliminates the Director's ability to delegate to the appointing authority the authority to approve disability benefits for a standard recovery period.

Fiscal effect: None, the amendment codifies a current practice.

DASCD33 Procurement processes

R.C. 125.01, 125.02-125.073, 125.09, 125.091, 125.11, 125.18, 125.601, 127.16, 307.86, 731.14, 731.141, 3345.691, 3345.692, 4114.36, 5513.01, and 5513.02, Repealed: 125.092, 125.093, 125.10, 125.112, 125.60, 125.602-125.6012

Modifies DAS responsibilities with respect to the purchase of "goods or services" instead of "supplies and services."

Requires that rules adopted by the DAS Director, with respect to state agency purchases, and regarding circumstances and criteria for obtaining a release and permit under the first and second requisite procurement program, be adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Allows DAS, at its discretion, to amend, renew, cancel, or terminate any state contract when it is in the best interest of the state.

Alters the procedures for state agency purchases through the first and second requisite procurement programs.

Eliminates a requirement that DAS include in its annual report, an estimate of the purchases, by participation in state contract, that are made by state institutions of higher education, governmental agencies, political subdivisions, boards of elections, private fire companies, private, nonprofit emergency medical service organizations, and chartered nonpublic schools.

Removes from the definition of "state procurement emergency" specific circumstances that (1) pose a threat to public health, safety, or welfare; (2) cause an immediate and serious need for supplies or services that cannot be achieved by normal state procurement methods; or (3) are a serious threat of harm to state government, protection of property, or the health and safety of individuals.

Requires that solicitations for state agency purchases via competitive sealed bidding at a minimum must contain a detailed description of the goods or services to be purchased, the terms and conditions of the purchase, instructions concerning submission of proposals, and any other information prescribed by rules, or that DAS considers necessary.

Requires that proposals in response to competitive sealed bidding solicitations be submitted through and opened in the electronic procurement system established by DAS.

Requires the prequalification of all entities who submit bids through the "reverse auction" purchasing process.

Eliminates the biobased product preference program and specifies new requirements for the purchase of biobased products.

Eliminates DAS authority to require that all competitive sealed bids, competitive sealed proposals, and bids received in a reverse auction be accompanied by a performance bond or other financial assurance acceptable.

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Allows the DAS electronic procurement system to be used to meet the existing requirement that DAS establish and maintain a single searchable website with information on state awards.

Modifies and recodifies the Community Rehabilitation Program within the procurement office of DAS.

Modifies the definition of government ordering office, as applies to the Community Rehabilitation Program, so that it no longer includes the General Assembly or state elected officials.

Recodifies (relocates) most definitions in the procurement chapter to one common definition section.

Fiscal effect: DAS, and perhaps other state agencies, would likely see some administrative cost savings as a result of procedural efficiencies in procurement.

DASCD41 Procurement law and semiconductors

R.C. 125.01, 3333.04

Expands the definition of "Buy Ohio products" in procurement law to include any product that includes semiconductors produced by a company with a significant Ohio economic presence.

Requires that a state consortium, established by the ODHE Chancellor, follow rules adopted by DAS for giving preference to Buy Ohio products when making a purchase with appropriated funds of any product that includes semiconductors.

Fiscal effect: State agencies and state supported institutions of higher education may incur additional procurement costs for semi-conductors if the Buy Ohio preference results in the selection of a higher priced bid. However, due to the nature of competitive bidding, it is difficult to estimate how this change affects costs. The Buy Ohio purchasing preference gives a 5% price advantage to suppliers in Ohio and bordering states.

DASCD28 State printing

R.C. 125.041, 125.31, 125.42, 125.58, Repealed: 125.36, 125.38, 125.43, 125.49, 125.51, 125.56, 125.76

Eliminates references in law to the Division of State Printing within DAS, and specifically eliminates the statutory assignment of functions, powers, and duties to the Division of State Printing.

Eliminates various requirements with respect to state contracts for printing services.

Fiscal effect: None. State printing services are overseen by DAS's General Services Division.

DASCD27 State surplus supplies and nonprofit corporations

R.C. 125.13

Allows the DAS Director to dispose of surplus or excess supplies in the Director's control to a nonprofit entity that is registered and in good standing with the SOS as a domestic nonprofit or not-for-profit corporation, instead of only to a nonprofit entity that receives funds from the state or has a contract.

Fiscal effect: None.

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DASCD26 Prohibited applications on state systems

R.C. 125.183

Changes the definition of "covered applications," for purposes of prohibiting downloading and using certain social media applications on state agency computers, networks, and devices, to any application owned or controlled by an entity identified as a foreign adversary as defined in federal law instead of specifying the "TikTok application," "WeChat application," and any application or service owned by an entity located in China.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD21 Entrepreneur in residence pilot program

R.C. 125.65, (repealed), 102.02

Eliminates the entrepreneur in residence pilot program.

Fiscal effect: None. The Entrepreneur in Residence Pilot Program was a one-year program that began in 2015 and ended in 2016.

DASCD30 Prescription Drug Transparency and Affordability Advisory Council

R.C. 125.95, (Repealed)

Abolishes the Prescription Drug Transparency and Affordability Advisory Council.

Fiscal effect: None. The council completed its statutory duties in FY 2020 and was sunset under H.B. 110 of the 134th General assembly.

DASCD35 Public safety answering points

R.C. 128.021

Requires all public safety answering points (PSAP) that answer 9-1-1 calls for service in the state be subject to the PSAP operations rules.

Fiscal effect: None likely. Given the purpose and breadth of the Next Generation 9-1-1 system, most likely PSAPs would already comply or have plans to comply with operations rules by the statutory deadlines.

DASCD29 Next Generation 9-1-1 access fee

R.C. 128.412

Repeals the provision of law that would, beginning October 1, 2025, lower the Next Generation 9-1-1 access fee applied to certain communication services in the state from \$0.40 to \$0.25.

Fiscal effect: Next Generation 9-1-1 access fees are deposited to the credit of several funds used for establishing and administering the state's Next Generation 9-1-1 system. This change will result in an increase in revenue each of these funds would otherwise receive after October 1, 2025.

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DASCD31 Designation of a public records officer

R.C. 149.43

Expressly authorizes a public office or person responsible for public records to designate one or more officials or employees to act as its public records officer or officers, and specifies that the public office may require that a person making a request for a public record address a request to the designated public records officer or officers.

Requires a public office to include the designation of the public records officer or officers and operative contact information for the public records officer or officers in its public records policy, and also post this information on any website of the public office.

Fiscal effect: None apparent.

DASCD25 Emergency response commission

R.C. 3750.02

Adds the DAS Director to the Emergency Response Commission as an ex officio member.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD34 License holder residential address and contact information

R.C. 4798.10

Shields the address, telephone number, or email address of a holder, or former holder, of an occupational license, specialty occupational license for medical reimbursement, certification, or registration from revelation under Ohio's Public Records Law.

Allows an occupational licensing board or the Office of Information Technology, which operates the elicense database, to make a covered address, telephone number, or email address available under the following circumstances:

- (1) at the request of a federal, state, or local government agency or a professional organization approved by the occupational licensing board, provided the agency or approved organization agrees not to disseminate the information to third parties,
- (2) for joining and maintaining an interstate licensure compact or other method of granting interstate reciprocal licensure,
- (3) for enforcing state or federal law, including conducting investigations, issuing citations, enforcing settlements, and conducting adjudication hearings,
- (4) at the request of a law enforcement agency or an agency in another state responsible for the licensure, regulation, or investigation of the holder of an occupational license, specialty occupational license for medical reimbursement, certification, or registration under the jurisdiction of an occupational licensing board in that state,
- (5) at the request of an accredited educational institution for research purposes approved by the occupational licensing board, provided the institution agrees not to disseminate the information to third parties,

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(6) at the request of an entity that performs services on behalf of an occupational licensing board, provided the organization or entity agrees not to disseminate the information to third parties unless the disclosure is necessary to provide the services and is authorized as part of a contract or agreement between the entity and the board,

(7) for the purpose of reporting disciplinary actions to federal or state authorities or to organizations approved by the occupational licensing board, or

(8) at the request of the individual who holds or held the occupational license, specialty occupational license for medical reimbursement, certification, or registration.

Prohibits the release of the address, telephone number, or email address of a designated public service worker, as defined in continuing law, unless the release also complies with procedures of the Public Record's Law.

Fiscal effect: None.

DASCD1 EDCS Lease Rental Payments

Section: 207.20

Requires GRF ALI 100413, EDCS Lease Rental Payments, to be used to cover the financing costs for the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Enterprise Data Center Solutions (EDCS) initiative.

DASCD2 MARCS Lease Rental Payments

Section: 207.20

Requires GRF ALI 100414, MARCS Lease Rental Payments, to cover the financing costs for the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) upgrade.

DASCD3 OAKS Lease Rental Payments

Section: 207.20

Requires GRF ALI 100415, OAKS Lease Rental Payments, to cover the financing costs for the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS).

DASCD4 STARS Lease Rental Payments

Section: 207.20

Requires GRF ALI 100416, STARS Lease Rental Payments, to cover the financing costs for the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the State Taxation Accounting and Revenue System (STARS).

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DASCD5 Administrative Buildings Lease Rental Bond Payments

Section: 207.20

Requires GRF ALI 100447, Administrative Buildings Lease Rental Bond Payments, to be used to make payments pursuant to leases and agreements entered into by the state to finance capital facilities.

DASCD6 State agency support services

Section: 207.20

Permits GRF ALI 130321, State Agency Support Services, to be used to provide funding for the cost of property appraisals or building studies that DAS may be required to obtain for property that is being sold by the state or under consideration to be renovated or purchased by the state.

Permits the ALI to also be used to pay the operating expenses or other costs of state facilities maintained by DAS that are not billed to building tenants, or other costs associated with the Voinovich Center in Youngstown or costs of repairing vehicles donated pursuant to R.C. 125.13. Specifies that these expenses may include the costs for vacant space, space undergoing renovation, and the rent expense of tenants that are relocated because of building renovations. Allows DAS to process these payments through intrastate transfer voucher to the Building Management Fund (Fund 1320).

Allows that, at least once per year, the portion of the ALI not used for the regular expenses of the ALI be processed by DAS through intrastate transfer voucher and deposited into the Building Improvement Fund (Fund 5KZ0).

Reappropriates an amount certified by the DAS Director, up to the available balance in ALI 130321, State Agency Support Services, at the end of FY 2026 for the same purposes in FY 2027.

DASCD7 Professional Development Fund and the Ohio Digital Academy and GRF cash transfer to Fund 5L70

Section: 207.30, 512.10

Earmarks up to \$1,400,000 in each fiscal year from Fund 5L70 ALI 100610, Professional Development, to be used to make payments from the Professional Development Fund (Fund 5L70) covering the cost of programs that provide professional development opportunities for exempt employees.

Earmarks up to \$2,000,000 during the biennium to support the creation of the Ohio Digital Academy to generate high-tech workforce capacity and serve the state in advanced technology and cybersecurity needs. Establishes goals for the Academy to include educating, training, and subsequently employing analysts in completing boot camps, certifications, or degree programs in cybersecurity, coding, software engineering, user experience designers, and related fields.

Authorizes DAS, in consultation with CyberOhio, to select qualified candidates for the Academy. Subjects candidates to all applicable background checks and requires, if selected, candidates to commit to three years of service with the state.

Allows candidates to be placed in an unclassified, administrative staff position and authorizes the DAS Director to set compensation.

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Allows DAS to use ALI 100610 to reimburse selected students' tuition expenses for coursework, certification achieved, or other necessary expenses, prior to acceptance in the program, that are directly attributable to the targeted skills of the program, if completed within one year prior to the bill's effective date.

Qualifies candidates for reimbursement of costs for continuing education or certification at the discretion of the DAS Director to support the development of specialized skills in the areas of IT and cybersecurity.

Makes the candidate responsible for paying any taxes owed on tuition assistance received.

Allows DAS to recover all or a portion of funds provided to an Academy participant who fails to complete the agreed-upon three years of service.

Allows DAS to select and enter into a subgrant agreement with a regionally accredited Ohio institution of higher education with demonstrated coursework programming in cybersecurity to serve as a Digital Analyst Training Academy (D.A.T.A) Center. Requires D.A.T.A. Centers to be responsible for paying costs associated with the work of the Academy as designated by DAS.

Requires institutions serving as D.A.T.A. Centers to: (1) provide necessary educational coursework or training for selected students successful completion of a certificate or degree program as prescribed by DAS at no cost to the student, (2) administer weekly professional development programs for students, (3) prepare analysts for summer mandatory recruit training as prescribed by DAS, (4) coordinate and manage summer scenarios, (5) submit quarterly reports to DAS to contain information on the amount of grant funds expended, and (6) submit an annual report to DAS of all achievements including a status report of all expenditures, number of students enrolled by program area, number of students graduated or certifications achieved by program area, program expansion opportunities, and projected costs to continue operating the D.A.T.A. Center.

Allows additional centers to be added over the biennium subject to the approval of the DAS Director.

Reappropriates, upon certification from the DAS Director to the OBM Director, the available balance in ALI 100610 at the end of FY 2026 for the same purposes in FY 2027.

Requires the OBM Director to transfer \$2,000,000 cash from the GRF in FY 2026 to the Professional Development Fund (Fund 5L70).

DASCD8 911 Program

Section: 207.30

Requires ALI 100663, 911 Program, to be used by DAS to pay the administrative, marketing, and educational costs of the Statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network program.

DASCD9 Employee Educational Development

Section: 207.30

Requires that ALI 100619, Employee Educational Development, be used to make payments from the Employee Development Fund (Fund 5V60) to pay the costs of administering educational programs (generally tuition reimbursement) under existing collective bargaining agreements with certain bargaining units. Appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if the OBM Director determines they are necessary.

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DASCD10 General service charges

Section: 207.40

Requires DAS to establish, with the approval of the OBM Director, charges for recovering the costs of administering the programs funded by the General Services Fund (Fund 1170) and the State Printing Fund (Fund 2100).

DASCD11 Collective bargaining arbitration expenses

Section: 207.40

Allows DAS to seek reimbursement from state agencies for the actual costs and expenses that DAS incurs in the collective bargaining arbitration process. Requires the reimbursements to be processed through intrastate transfer vouchers and credited to the Collective Bargaining Fund (Fund 1280).

DASCD12 Risk Management Reserve

Section: 207.40

Requires Fund 1300 ALI 100606, Risk Management Reserve, to be used to make payments for liability claims, expenses, fees, or damages under the state’s Risk Management Reserve Program pursuant to R.C. 9.823. Appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if the OBM Director determines they are necessary.

DASCD13 Consolidated IT Purchases

Section: 207.40

Requires that Fund 2290 ALI 100640, Consolidated IT Purchases, be used by DAS to make information technology purchases for the benefit of government entities at a lower aggregate cost than each individual government entity could obtain if they were making the purchase independently. Reappropriates, upon certification from the DAS Director to the OBM Director, the available balance in ALI 100640 at the end of FY 2026 for the same purposes in FY 2027.

DASCD14 Investment Recovery Fund

Section: 207.40

Allows cash balances in the Investment Recovery Fund (Fund 4270) to be used to support the operating expenses of the Federal Surplus Operating Program.

DASCD15 Major IT purchases charges

Section: 207.40

Allows the OBM Director, at the request of the DAS Director, to transfer up to the amount collected for statewide indirect costs attributable to debt service paid for the enterprise data center solutions project from the GRF to the Major Information Technology Purchases Fund (Fund 4N60).

Executive**DASCD20 Professions Licensing System****Section: 207.40**

Requires Fund 4K90 ALI 100673, Ohio Professionals Licensing System, to be used to purchase equipment, products, and services necessary to update and maintain an automated licensing system for the professional licensing boards.

Requires DAS to establish charges for recovering the costs of ongoing maintenance of the system that are not otherwise recovered. Requires that the charges be proportionate to each benefiting state agency, board or commission's use of the system. Requires the OBM Director to transfer cash from the operating funds of agencies, boards, and commissions to Fund 4K90 if the board is not already funded by Fund 4K90.

Requires the State Board of Education to consult with DAS on the utilization of the Ohio Professionals Licensing System and to consider opportunities to reduce the number of license and certification types.

DASCD16 Building Improvement Fund**Section: 207.45**

Requires that Fund 5KZ0 ALI 100659, Building Improvement, be used to make payments for major maintenance or improvements required in facilities maintained by DAS.

Requires DAS to conduct or contract for regular assessments of these buildings and allows DAS to maintain a cash balance in the Building Improvement Fund (Fund 5KZ0) equal to the cost of the repairs and improvements that are recommended to occur within the next five years, except that the DAS Director may request the OBM Director to permit a cash transfer from Fund 5KZ0 to the Building Management Fund (Fund 1320) to pay costs of operating and maintaining the buildings that are not charged to tenants during the same fiscal year.

Allows the DAS Director to request the OBM Director to transfer cash from Fund 1320 to Fund 5KZ0 in an amount equal to the initial transfer if the cash balance in Fund 1320 is determined to be sufficient.

DASCD17 Information technology development**Section: 207.45**

Establishes the Information Technology Development Fund (Fund 5LJ0). Requires Fund 5LJ0 ALI 100661, IT Development, to be used by DAS to pay the costs of modernizing the state's information technology management and investment practices to a statewide methodology supporting development of enterprise solutions. Allows the ALI to be used to pay the costs of enterprise information technology initiatives affecting state agencies or their customers.

Allows the DAS Director, with approval from the OBM Director, to charge state agencies an information technology development assessment based on state agencies' information technology expenditures or other methodology and to entities that are not state agencies to offset the cost of specific technology events or service. Requires the revenues from this assessment to be deposited into Fund 5LJ0.

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DASCD18 Enterprise Applications**Section: 207.45**

Requires Fund 5PC0 ALI 100665, Enterprise Applications, to be used for the operation and management of information technology applications that support state agencies' objectives. Requires that charges billed to benefiting agencies be deposited into Fund 5PC0.

DASCD19 Enterprise IT strategy implementation**Section: 207.50**

Requires the DAS Director to determine and implement strategies that benefit the enterprise by improving efficiency, reducing costs, or enhancing capacity of IT services. Allows such improvements and efficiencies to result in the consolidation and transfer of such services.

Allows the DAS Director to request the OBM Director to consolidate or transfer IT-specific budget authority between agencies or within an agency as necessary to implement enterprise IT cost containment strategies and related efficiencies.

Allows the OBM Director to transfer appropriations, funds, and cash as needed to implement the proposed initiative if satisfied that the initiative is cost advantageous to the enterprise. Requires any new fund or additional appropriation to be approved by the Controlling Board.

Allows the OBM Director and the DAS Director to transfer any employees, assets, and liabilities, including, but not limited to, records, contracts, and agreements in order to facilitate the improvements.

DASCD44 Cash Transfer from the GRF to the MARCS Administration Fund**Section: 512.10**

Permits the OBM Director to transfer up to \$10,500,000 cash from the GRF to the MARCS Administration Fund (Fund 5C20) in each fiscal year of the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium.

DASCD42 Ohio Benefits Program transfer of responsibility**Section: 525.10**

Authorizes the DAS Director to transfer administration of the Ohio Benefits Program to the ODJFS Director.

Defines the Ohio Benefits Program as the integrated enterprise solution administered by DAS that assists individuals in verifying eligibility and applying for benefits offered through various programs administered by ODJFS and ODM, including the Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF programs.

Authorizes the OBM Director to make budget and accounting changes to implement the program's transfer, as well as appropriation adjustments based on those changes.

Includes the standard transfer language and addresses the transfer of DAS employees whose primary duties include administering the program to ODJFS.

Fiscal effect: Along with the transfer of budgetary responsibility for the Ohio Benefits Program, both DAS and JFS are likely to incur some one-time administrative costs for making this transfer.

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OBMCD38 Removal of Office of Budget and Management from boards

R.C. 125.181, (repealed), Section 4505.09

Repeals the law requiring the DAS Director to establish the State Information Technology Investment Board within DAS.

Removes the OBM Director as a nonvoting member of the Automated Title Processing Board.

Fiscal effect: None.

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JFSCD30 Ohio Benefits Program

Section: 525.10

Requires the DAS Director and the ODJFS Director to develop an organization plan and to enter into a memorandum of understanding to transfer the administration of the Ohio Benefits Program from DAS to ODJFS by July 1, 2026. Authorizes the DAS Director to transfer the program's administration to the ODJFS Director by July 1, 2027. Requires that any business commenced, but not completed before the transfer, be completed by the ODJFS Director in the same manner as if completed by the DAS Director.

Defines the Ohio Benefits Program as the integrated enterprise solution administered by DAS that assists individuals in verifying eligibility and applying for benefits offered through various programs administered by JFS and ODM.

Allows ODJFS, with regard to DAS employees whose primary duties include administering the program, to: (1) establish, change, or abolish positions within ODJFS; (2) assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote employees of ODJFS not subject to collective bargaining; and (3) assign or reassign an exempt employee to an appropriate bargaining unit.

Allows the ODJFS Director to establish a retirement incentive plan for transferred employees that is to remain in effect until December 31, 2027.

Authorizes the OBM Director to make any necessary budget and accounting changes to implement the program's transfer. Allows the OBM Director to also cancel or establish encumbrances and transfer appropriations between impacted agencies as necessary. Allows the OBM Director to transfer appropriations between ODJFS and DAS if necessary for continued efficient administration of the program. Appropriates any encumbrances or transferred appropriations.