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DEVCD11 Computer data center tax exemption application

R.C. 122.175

Removes the OBM Director as one of the recipients, forwarded by the Tax Credit Authority, of copies of an application for a complete or partial tax exemption for a taxpayer who proposes a capital improvement project for an eligible computer data center.

Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD2 Residential Broadband Expansion Program

R.C. 122.4041

Adjusts the criteria used to score applications for grants (maximum 300 points) under the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Program by giving one-half point for each residential address the eligible project will reach in unserved areas and one-quarter point for each residential address in underserved areas.

Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD5 Elimination of the Mortgage Insurance Fund

R.C. 122.451, 122.55, 122.56, 122.561, 122.57 (All repealed)

Eliminates the Mortgage Insurance Fund and the corresponding authority of the DEV Director to insure mortgage payments on behalf of a person, partnership, corporation, or community improvement corporation using money from the Fund.

Eliminates the Mortgage Guarantee Fund.

Eliminates sinking fund requirements for certain funds received by the DEV Director.

DEVCD12 Film and theater tax credit award process

R.C. 122.85

Replaces the two-round process for awarding motion-picture and Broadway theatrical production tax credits where half the fiscal year maximum is reserved for each round. Instead of using a ranking process to make awards, considers applicants on a rolling basis, while retaining a priority for a TV series or miniseries.

Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD3 State private activity bond ceiling and fund

R.C. 122.97

Grants the DEV Director authority to allocate Ohio's volume ceiling on state private activity bonds established under federal income tax law.

Requires the Director to adopt rules governing the administration of the volume ceiling, including an allocation formula.

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Establishes a custodial fund consisting of fees paid by issuers receiving volume ceiling allocations and provides that the fund may be used to pay DEV's costs in administering Ohio's volume ceiling.

Fiscal effect: None. Codifies existing practice and rules. Fees are already deposited into the Volume Cap Administration Fund (Fund 6170).

DEVCD6 Automated Clearing House Payments Fund

R.C. 166.36

Creates the Automated Clearing House Payments Fund, a custodial fund consisting of regular loan repayments and fees by ACH transfer for loans made from loan programs administered by the DEV Director.

DEVCD7 Enterprise Bond Retirement Fund

R.C. 166.37

Creates the Enterprise Bond Retirement Fund, a custodial fund consisting of repayments, fees, and other money attributable to loans made by the DEV Director from the Facilities Establishment Fund.

DEVCD8 Regional Loan Escrow Fund

R.C. 166.38

Creates the Regional Loan Escrow Fund, a custodial fund consisting of all grants, gifts, contributions, and other money designated for or deposited in the Fund, and all repayments, fees, and other money attributable to loans made under the Regional 166 Loan Program.

DEVCD9 Repeal of obsolete reports

R.C. 4928.06, 4928.57, 4928.581, 4928.582, 4928.583

Repeals requirements for reports with due dates that have passed.

Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD10 Expired revenue sources for Advanced Energy Fund

R.C. 4928.61, 4928.34, 4928.62

Repeals the following obsolete provisions regarding Advanced Energy Fund revenue: (1) the expired temporary Advanced Energy Rider collected by electric distribution utilities and their remittance to the Advanced Energy Fund, (2) the 10-year limitation on remittance requirements for the temporary Advanced Energy Rider, (3) the quarterly remittance and timing requirements for revenues from (a) payments, repayments, and collections under the Advanced Energy Program and from Program income and (b) collections by an Ohio municipal electric utility or electric cooperative participating in the Advanced Energy Fund.

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Repeals the obsolete requirements regarding the use of money collected in rates, as of October 5, 1999, for non-low-income customer energy efficiency programs.

Fiscal effect: None.

DEVCD13 Coal Research and Development Program

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195402, Coal Research and Development Program, to be used for the operating expenses of the Community Services Division in support of the Ohio Coal Development Office.

DEVCD14 Minority Business Development

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195405, Minority Business Development, to be used to support the activities of the Minority Business Development Division, including providing grants to local nonprofit organizations to support economic development activities that promote minority business development, in conjunction with local organizations funded through GRF ALI 195454, Small Business and Export Assistance.

DEVCD15 Business Development Services

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195415, Business Development Services, to be used for the operating expenses of the Office of Strategic Business Investments and the regional economic development offices.

Earmarks \$1,800,000 in each fiscal year for Development Projects, Inc. for various Department of Defense- and aerospace industry-related workforce economic development activities.

DEVCD16 Redevelopment Assistance

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195426, Redevelopment Assistance, to be used to fund the costs of administering energy, redevelopment, and other revitalization programs that DEV may implement, and allows the ALI to be used to match federal grant funding.

DEVCD17 Technology Programs and Grants

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195453, Technology Programs and Grants, to be used for operating expenses incurred in administering the Ohio Third Frontier Programs and other technology focused programs that DEV may implement.

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Allows GRF ALI 195454, Small Business and Export Assistance, to be used to provide a range of business assistance, including grants to local organizations to support economic development activities that promote small business development, entrepreneurship, and exports of Ohio's goods and services, in conjunction with local organizations funded through GRF ALI 195405, Minority Business Development.

Requires the ALI to also be used to match grants from the U.S. Small Business Administration and other federal agencies.

DEVCD19 Appalachia Assistance**Section: 259.20**

Allows GRF ALI 195455, Appalachia Assistance, to be used for (a) the administrative costs of planning and liaison activities for the Governor's Office of Appalachia; (b) financial assistance to projects in Ohio's Appalachian counties; (c) support of the four local development districts; (d) payment of dues for the Appalachian Regional Commission; and (e) as a match for federal funding received from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Requires that programs funded through the ALI be identified and recommended by the local development districts and approved by the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Requires DEV to conduct compliance and regulatory review of the programs recommended by the local development districts, and allows moneys allocated under the ALI to be used to fund projects including those designated by the local development districts as community investment and rapid response projects.

Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission.

Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association.

Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Buckeye Hills Regional Council.

Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments.

Requires the four local development districts receiving this funding to use the funds for the implementation and administration of programs and duties under the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Earmarks \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.

Earmarks \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service.

DEVCD20 CDBG Operating Match**Section: 259.20**

Requires GRF ALI 195497, CDBG Operating Match, to be used as matching state funds for federal assistance received from HUD according to the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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DEVCD21 BSD Federal Programs Match

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195499, BSD Federal Programs Match, to be used as matching state funds for grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program and Department of Defense APEX Accelerator Program, and other federal agencies. Requires the ALI to also be used for operating expenses of the Business Services Division.

DEVCD22 Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195537, Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative, to support the Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative. Prohibits the use of this ALI for travel and entertainment expenses incurred under the initiative.

DEVCD23 Sector Partnership Networks

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195553, Industry Sector Partnerships, to be used for the Ohio Industry Sector Partnership Grant program.

DEVCD24 TechCred Program

Section: 259.20

Requires GRF ALI 195556, TechCred Program, to be used for the TechCred Program and the Individual Microcredential Assistance Program.

DEVCD25 General obligation bond debt service payments

Section: 259.25

Requires GRF ALI 195901, Coal Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs in FY 2026 and FY 2027 for obligations issued to fund the Coal Research and Development Program.

Requires GRF ALI 195905, Third Frontier Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service, to be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs in FY 2026 and FY 2027 for obligations issued to fund the Third Frontier Program.

DEVCD26 Minority Business Bonding Fund

Section: 259.30

Permits the DEV Director, upon the recommendation of the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board, to pledge up to \$10,000,000 in unclaimed funds in the biennium allocated to the Minority Business Bonding Program.

Permits any transfer of unclaimed funds from the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund to the Minority Bonding Fund (Fund 4490), but requires the transfer to occur only after proceeds of the initial transfer of \$2,700,000 authorized by CEB have been used for that purpose.

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Requires that any expenditures made to pay losses arising from the Minority Business Bonding Program be made from Fund 4490 ALI 195658, Minority Business Bonding Contingency, and appropriates such amounts.

DEVCD27 Business Assistance Program

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 4510 ALI 195649, Business Assistance Programs, to be used to cover the administrative expenses associated with the operation of loan incentives.

DEVCD28 State Special Projects

Section: 259.30

Permits the State Special Projects Fund (Fund 4F20) to be used for the deposit of funds from private utility companies and other miscellaneous state funds, and allows funds to be used to match federal funding and to support programs of the Community Services Division and Business Services Division.

DEVCD29 Minority Business Enterprise Loan

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 4W10 ALI 195646, Minority Business Enterprise Loan, to be used for awards under the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program and to cover operating expenses of the Minority Business Development Division. Requires all repayments from the program to be credited to Fund 4W10.

DEVCD30 Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5A11 ALI 1956G9, Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program, to be used by DEV to support the Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program.

DEVCD31 Transfer from the Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program Fund to the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Fund

Section: 259.30

Transfers \$3,600,000 cash from the Broadband Pole Replacement and Undergrounding Program Fund (Fund 5A11) to the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program Fund (Fund 5GT0) in FY 2026.

DEVCD32 Welcome Home Ohio Program

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5AP1 ALI 1956H3, Welcome Home Ohio Program, to be used for providing grants under the Welcome Home Ohio Program.

Requires \$20,000,000 to be allocated to land banks to purchase residential property at foreclosure sales.

Requires \$20,000,000 to be allocated to rehabilitate or construct residential property for income-restricted owners.

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DEVCD33 Ohio Housing Investment Opportunity Program

Section: 259.30, 515.20

Requires Fund 5CH1 ALI 1956J2, Ohio Housing Investment Opportunity Program, be used to award grants and loans to local governments, or their designees, in rural counties and counties that border another state for housing development projects.

Designates eligible housing development project expenses to include: site acquisition, demolition, site remediation, wetland mitigation, or the extension or enhancement of sewer, water, gas, and electricity services.

Allows non-housing development project costs associated with planning for housing demand to be an eligible expense with priority given to county-wide proposals.

States that priority may be given to sites designated for housing development that have received funding under either the Brownfield Remediation Program or Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program.

Allows the Director of OBM to transfer up to \$100,000,000 cash in FY 2026 from the Expanded Sales Tax Holiday Fund (Fund 5AX1) to the Housing Investment Program Fund (Fund 5CH1).

DEVCD34 Advanced Energy Loan Programs

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5M50 ALI 195660, Advanced Energy Loan Programs, to be used to provide financial assistance to customers for eligible advanced energy projects for residential, commercial, and industrial businesses; local governments; educational institutions; nonprofits; and agriculture customers. Allows the ALI to be used to match federal grant funding and to pay administrative costs of the program.

DEVCD35 Sports Events Grants

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5UY0 ALI 195496, Sports Events Grants, to be used for grants under the Ohio Sports Event Grant Program.

DEVCD36 Women Owned Business Loan

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5XH0 ALI 195632, Women Owned Business Loan, to be used to operate the Women Owned Business Loan Program.

DEVCD37 Minority Business Development Loan Administration

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5XH0 ALI 1956I1, Minority Business Development Loan Administration, to be used to operate the Women Owned Loan and Minority Business Micro-Loan Programs.

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DEVCD38 Transfer from the State Small Business Credit Initiative Fund to the MBD Financial Assistance Fund

Section: 259.30

Transfers \$5,000,000 cash in FY 2026 from the State Small Business Credit Initiative Fund (Fund 3FJ0) to the MBD Financial Assistance Fund (Fund 5XH0). Requires all repayments of loans issued under Fund 5XH0 to be credited to the fund.

Requires the DEV Director, upon the completion of the original Collateral Enhancement Program, to certify to the OBM Director the remaining cash balance in the State Small Business Credit Initiative Fund (Fund 3FJ0). Allows the OBM Director to transfer the certified amount from Fund 3FJ0 to the MBD Financial Assistance Fund (Fund 5XH0).

DEVCD39 All Ohio Future Fund

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5XM0 ALI 195576, All Ohio Future Fund, to be used for Fund 5XM0 purposes.

DEVCD40 Brownfield Remediation

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5YE0 ALI 1956A2, Brownfield Remediation, to be used for grants under the Brownfield Remediation Program.

DEVCD41 Demolition and Site Revitalization

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 5YF0 ALI 1956A3, Demolition and Site Revitalization, to be used for grants and administrative costs under the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program.

DEVCD42 Volume Cap Administration

Section: 259.30

Requires Fund 6170 ALI 195654, Volume Cap Administration, to be used for expenses related to the administration of the Volume Cap Program, and requires that revenues received by the Volume Cap Administration Fund (Fund 6170) consists of application fees, forfeited deposits, and interest earned from the custodial account held by the TOS.

DEVCD43 Development Operations

Section: 259.40

Authorizes the DEV Director to assess DEV's divisions for the costs of central service operations, requires assessments to contain the characteristics of administrative ease and uniform application, and requires such payments to be credited to the Supportive Services Fund (Fund 1350) using an intrastate transfer voucher.

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DEVCD44 Development Services Reimbursable Expenditures

Section: 259.40

Requires Fund 6850 ALI 195636, Development Services Reimbursable Expenditures, to be used for reimbursable costs. Specifies that revenues to the General Reimbursement Fund (Fund 6850) consist of moneys charged for administrative costs that are not central service costs and repayment of loans, including the interest thereon, made from the Water and Sewer Fund (Fund 4440).

DEVCD45 Rural Industrial Park Loan Program

Section: 259.50

Requires Fund 4Z60 ALI 195647, Rural Industrial Park Loan, to be used to award loans under the Rural Industrial Park Loan Program. Limits maximum awards to \$4,000,000.

DEVCD46 Transfers from the Research and Development Loan Fund to the Business Assistance Fund

Section: 259.50

Permits the OBM Director to transfer up to \$3,000,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Research and Development Loan Fund (Fund 7010) to the Business Assistance Fund (4510).

DEVCD47 Capital Access Loan Program

Section: 259.50

Requires Fund 5S90 ALI 195628, Capital Access Loan Program, to be used for operating, program, and administrative expenses of the Capital Access Loan Program, and requires program funds to be used to assist participating financial institutions in making program loans to eligible businesses that face barriers in accessing working capital and obtaining fixed-asset financing.

Allows the OBM Director, with CEB approval, to transfer of up to \$1,000,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10) to the Capital Access Loan Fund (Fund 5S90).

DEVCD48 Facilities Establishment

Section: 259.50

Requires Fund 7037 ALI 195615, Facilities Establishment, to be used for the purposes of the Facilities Establishment Fund (Fund 7037) under Chapter 166. Permits CEB, in the biennium, to authorize expenditures, in excess of the amount appropriated under Fund 7037 for purposes consistent with the law governing economic development programs. Appropriates the authorized amounts.

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DEVCD49 Third Frontier Operating Costs

Section: 259.60

Requires Fund 7011 ALI 195686, Third Frontier Tax Exempt – Operating, and Fund 7014 ALI 195620, Third Frontier Taxable – Operating, to be used for Third Frontier Program operating expenses incurred in administering projects under each fund.

DEVCD50 Third Frontier Research and Development taxable and tax exempt projects

Section: 259.60

Requires Fund 7011 ALI 195687 and Fund 7014 ALI 195692 to be used to fund selected projects, which may include internship programs. Specifies that eligible costs are the costs of the projects to which the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund (Fund 7011) and the Research and Development Taxable Bond Project Fund (Fund 7014) are to be applied.

Permits OBM to approve written requests from DEV for the transfer of appropriations between the two ALIs based upon Third Frontier Program awards recommended by the Third Frontier Commission.

Reappropriates, at the request of the DEV Director and approval of the OBM Director, with additional information if the OBM Director seeks it, an amount up to the available balance of the two ALIs at the end of FY 2025 to be used for the same purpose in FY 2026.

DEVCD51 Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)

Section: 259.70

Requires Fund 3IF0 ALI 1956E4, Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD), be used to build infrastructure that supports the adoption of high-speed internet.

DEVCD52 HEAP Weatherization

Section: 259.70

Allows up to 25% of the federal funds credited to the Home Energy Assistance Block Grant Fund (Fund 3K90) to be spent from ALI 195614, HEAP Weatherization, to be used to provide home weatherization services as determined by DEV.

DEVCD53 Transfer from the GRF to the State Marketing Office Fund

Section: 512.10

Requires the OBM Director to transfer up to \$15,000,000 cash in FY 2026 from the GRF to the State Marketing Office Fund (Fund 5MJ0).

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DEVCD4 Ohio State Small Business Credit Initiative Venture Capital Program Fund

Section: 518.10

Creates the Ohio State Small Business Credit Initiative Venture Capital Program Fund (Fund 31C0) in uncodified law. Requires money in the fund to be used to pay DEV's expenses for the Ohio Growth Capital, Ohio Early-Stage Focus, Certified Development Financial Institution Loan, and Collateral Enhancement programs. Requires all federal funds received from the State Small Business Credit Initiative to be credited to the fund. Requires all investment earnings of the fund to be credited to the fund.

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BORCD80 Ohio Tech Talent Initiative**Section: 381.760**

Establishes the Ohio Tech Talent Initiative to promote, prioritize, and expand engineering technician education for engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries. Authorizes the Chancellor to determine the list of academic programs to be included, with OWT, based on the Classification of Instructional Program (CIP).

Requires, for certain model and statewide innovative waiver pathways, the Chancellor and DEW Director, in conjunction with OWT, to jointly collaborate with public secondary schools and partnering public colleges and universities to establish, promote, and prioritize pathways that prepare participants to successfully enter the workforce in engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor or advanced manufacturing industries.

Requires the Chancellor and DEW Director to also leverage the one-year option credit articulation process for students enrolled in OTCs who complete a 900-hour program of study and obtain an industry-recognized credential.

Authorizes the Chancellor and DEV Director to use funds from the following operating and capital ALIs: (1) GRF ALI 235438, Choose Ohio First; (2) Fund 5NH0 ALI 235517, Ohio Work Ready Grant; (3) GRF ALI 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant; (4) Fund 5YD0 ALI 235494, Second Chance Grant Program; (5) Fund 7034 ALI C23528, Workforce Based Training and Equipment; (6) GRF ALI 195556, TechCred Program; and, (7) other appropriation items as determined by the Chancellor and OWT.

Authorizes the Chancellor to require state and private institutions of higher education to establish a workforce-education partnership, and to require that each partnership specifically focus on engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries.

Fiscal effect: ODHE may incur additional costs to administer the initiative. Any ALIs used to support the initiative will incur an increase in expenditures should the Chancellor and DEV Director choose to use them.

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JFSCD34 Community Services Block Grant

R.C. 122.66, 122.67, 122.68, 122.681, 122.69, 122.70, 122.701, 122.702, 5101.311, 5101.312, 5101.313, 5101.314, 5101.315, 5101.316, 5101.317, 5101.318, 121.22, 122.1710, 307.985, 2915.01, 3701.033, 5101.101; Section 525.20

Transfers the duties and powers to administer Community Service Block Grant funds from DEV to ODJFS.

Requires the General Assembly to conduct public hearings on Community Services Block Grant funds as required by federal law.

Requires that any business beginning before, but not completed by, July 1, 2027 within DEV that will be transferred with these programs must be completed in the same manner in ODJFS.

Requires that by July 1, 2026, the DEV and ODJFS directors must develop a plan to implement the transfer of the programs' duties and function, and the directors must enter a memorandum of understanding concerning the transfer.

Permits DEV and ODJFS to jointly or separately enter into contracts with public or private entities for staff training and development to facilitate the transfer.

Requires that all employees associated with these programs are transferred from DEV to ODJFS with the same positions and benefits by July 1, 2027.

Permits ODJFS to establish, change, and abolish positions, as well as to assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote all employees not subject to collective bargaining. Permits ODJFS (or DEV, in the case of an employee transferred outside of ODJFS) to assign or reassign an exempt employee to a bargaining unit classification. Excludes the transfer of programs and employees under this section and the reassignment of certain functions and duties from appropriate subjects of collective bargaining.

Permits ODJFS, with approval of OBM, to establish a retirement incentive plan for transferred employees.

Requires all rules, orders, and determinations made or undertaken by the transferred programs to continue in effect until ODJFS modifies or rescinds them.

Requires OBM to make budget and accounting changes to implement the transfer. Permits OBM to cancel or establish encumbrances or parts of encumbrances. Permits OBM to transfer appropriations between ODJFS and DEV.

Fiscal effect: The budget appropriates \$32.0 million in new Fund 3L00 ALI 6006B8, Community Service Block Grant, in 2027, under ODJFS.

JFSCD32 Electric Partnership Plan Fund

R.C. 4928.51, 4928.66, 5117.07

Replaces the Universal Service Fund with the Electric Partnership Plan (EPP) Fund to provide funding for the low-income customer assistance and consumer education programs.

Requires the EPP fund to consist of (1) amounts allocated to each electric distribution utility (EDU) for consumer education programs and (2) any amount necessary to fund administrative costs of the low-income customer assistance programs.

Fiscal effect: The budget appropriates \$176.2 million in new Fund 5M40 ALI 6006B2 Low Income Energy Assistance, in FY 2027, under ODJFS.

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JFSCD31 Low-income customer assistance program administration

R.C. 4928.53, 4928.55, 4928.56, 4928.75, 4928.43; Section 525.20

Transfers administration of the low-income customer assistance programs and the consumer education program beginning on July 1, 2026, and the energy efficiency and weatherization program from the DEV Director to the ODJFS Director.

Requires the ODJFS Director to submit a federal waiver request to expend 25% of federal low-income Home Energy Assistance Programs funds from the Home Energy Assistance Block Grants for weatherization services.

Requires that any business beginning before, but not completed by, July 1, 2027 within DEV that will be transferred with these programs must be completed in the same manner by ODJFS.

Requires that by July 1, 2026, the DEV and ODJFS directors must develop a plan to implement the transfer of the programs' duties and function, and the directors must enter a memorandum of understanding concerning the transfer.

Permits DEV and ODJFS to jointly or separately enter into contracts with public or private entities for staff training and development to facilitate the transfer.

Requires that all employees associated with these programs are transferred from DEV to ODJFS with the same positions and benefits by July 1, 2027.

Permits ODJFS to establish, change, and abolish positions, as well as to assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote all employees not subject to collective bargaining. Permits ODJFS (or DEV, in the case of an employee transferred outside of ODJFS) to assign or reassign an exempt employee to a bargaining unit classification. Excludes the transfer of programs and employees under this section and the reassignment of certain functions and duties from appropriate subjects of collective bargaining.

Permits ODJFS, with approval of OBM, to establish a retirement incentive plan for transferred employees.

Requires all rules, orders, and determinations made or undertaken by the transferred programs to continue in effect until ODJFS modifies or rescinds them.

Requires OBM to make budget and accounting changes to implement the transfer. Permits OBM to cancel or establish encumbrances or parts of encumbrances. Permits OBM to transfer appropriations between ODJFS and DEV.

Fiscal effect: The budget establishes the following FY 2027 appropriations under ODJFS to support this transfer: \$180.0 million to Fund 3K90 ALI 6006B3, Home Energy Assistance Block Grant; \$45.0 million to Fund 3F10 ALI 6006B2, Home Weatherization Program; and \$44.0 million to Fund 3K90 ALI 6006B7, HEAP Weatherization (see also JFSCD32).

JFSCD33 Public Advisory Board

R.C. 4928.58, 4928.63, 4928.62

Adds the ODJFS Director to the Public Advisory Board (replacing the DEV Director) and requires the Board to advise the ODJFS Director. Limits the Board's duties to advising the ODJFS Director regarding the low-income customer assistance programs.

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Repeals the Board duty to give advice regarding the Universal Service Fund and Rider and the Advanced Energy Program and Advanced Energy Fund.
Eliminates reimbursements to Board members for expenses incurred for the Advanced Energy Program.

Repeals Board powers and duties regarding economic development and stability, energy, and pollution matters in Ohio.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

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LECCD1 Cash Transfers to the Lake Erie Protection Fund

Section: 319.20

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 DOH.
- (d) Program Support Fund (Fund 1570) used by DNR.
- (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.

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PUCCD7 Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) Rider creation and Universal Service Rider repeal

R.C. 4928.52, 4928.53, 4928.54, 4928.542, 4928.543, 4928.544, 4928.545

Replaces the Universal Service rider with the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) rider on retail electric distribution rates as determined by PUCO.

Requires the PIPP rider to recover the prudently incurred costs of providing the PIPP program for each electric distribution utility (EDU), the EDUs' allocated shares for funding the low-income customer assistance programs administered by ODJFS, according to each electric distribution utility's annual distribution service revenues, and any amount necessary to fund administrative costs of the low-income customer assistance programs.

Requires each EDU's allocation to include a separately designated allocation equal to the EDU's share of an amount not to exceed \$15 million annually for funding the consumer education program and requires each EDU to remit to ODJFS the EDU's allocated share for the consumer education program and its administrative costs of the low-income customer assistance programs by June 30 each year.

Requires PUCO to administer the PIPP rider and perform periodic audits of each EDU's PIPP rider, and requires PUCO to adopt rules for the administration of the PIPP rider and to cooperate with, and provide assistance to, the ODJFS Director regarding low-income customer assistance program administration.

Requires PUCO (instead of DEV) to establish a competitive procurement process for the supply of competitive retail electric service for PIPP program customers and to aggregate program customers for this purpose.

Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs for ODJFS and PUCO and potential decrease in costs for DEV, both likely minimal. The Universal Service Fund (Fund 5M40) collected over \$357 million in FY 2024. Costs for agencies for this purpose are reimbursed by the PIPP rider, paid by electric consumers. Potential minimal change in costs of electricity for the state and local governments as ratepayers.

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Other Taxation Provisions**TAXCD20 Adult use marijuana excise tax: rate and distribution****R.C. 3780.02, 3780.03, 3780.10, 3780.18 (repealed), 3780.19 (repealed), 3780.22, 3780.23, 3780.25, 3780.26, 3780.30, Section 801.60**

Increases the rate of the excise tax on adult use marijuana, beginning on July 1, 2025, from 10% to 20%.

Reallocates revenue from the tax to substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery programs, the 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline, county jail grant programs, training of peace officers and troopers, construction and renovation of such training facilities, local drug task forces, safe driver programs, Ohio investigative unit operations, Ohio poison control programs and laboratory testing, and temporarily to the AGO for administering requests for expungements. Limits some allocations for these purposes and directs any remaining receipts to the GRF.

Repeals allocations for local governments that host adult use marijuana dispensaries and for the state cannabis social equity and jobs program.

Imposes a 20% excise tax on the illegal sale of marijuana by an unlicensed seller.

Fiscal effect: The Executive estimates an increase of \$86.8 million in FY 2026 and \$175.7 million in FY 2027 in adult use marijuana tax revenue.

Eliminating the allocation to the Host Community Cannabis Fund would decrease adult use tax revenue to municipal corporations and townships that have adult use dispensaries. Under current law, revenue is allocated as follows: 36% to the Cannabis Social Equity and Jobs Fund for DEV's cannabis social equity and jobs program; 36% to the Host Community Cannabis Fund for the benefit of municipal corporations or townships that have adult use dispensaries; 25% to the Substance Abuse and Addiction Fund to support the efforts of MHA to alleviate substance and opiate abuse and related research; and 3% to the Division of Cannabis Control and Tax Commissioner fund to support the operations of the Division and to defray the cost of administering the tax.