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**DPSCD40 Representation for sworn officers in criminal complaints**

R.C. 109.872

Allows the Governor or the Governor's designee, at their discretion, to approve legal representation for a sworn employee as described below.

Allows a sworn employee who was involved in a use of force incident that resulted in physical harm or death to another individual to apply for legal representation if the use of force was within the scope of that employee's official duties.

Requires the sworn employee's appointing authority to pay the costs of that representation.

Defines "sworn employee" as:

- (a) Enforcement agents appointed to enforce Ohio's liquor laws and rules regulating the use of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits (i.e. Ohio Investigative Unit);
- (b) The Superintendent and troopers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol;
- (c) Special police officers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol; and
- (d) Other employees of any department, agency, or board of this state who are under the executive branch and ultimately report to the Governor and are authorized to investigate, execute the laws of the state, protect public safety, or enforce the laws of this state as part of their job duties.

**Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs for a sworn employee's appointing authority if legal representation is requested and approved.**

**DPSCD28 Objections to Registrar of Motor Vehicles orders**

R.C. 119.062

Changes the deadline for an appeal of an order of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles from within 15 days of the "date of service" of the order as in current law to within 15 days of the order's mailing date to the party.

Changes the deadline for an objection to a report and recommendation issued after an adjudication hearing concerning an order of the Registrar from within 10 days of the "date of service" of the report on the objecting party as in current law to within 15 days of the report's mailing date to the objecting party.

**Fiscal effect: Negligible.**

**DPSCD37 Public records exemption: automated license plate readers**

R.C. 149.43

Exempts images and data captured by an automated license plate recognition system that are maintained in a law enforcement database from the public records law.

**Fiscal effect: Potential savings for law enforcement agencies if such images or data, which may or may not be considered a public record and require redaction under current law, are not subject to release.**

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**Executive****DPSCD38 Public records exemption for specific investigatory work product****R.C. 149.43**

Exempts specific records developed during an investigation by the investigating officer, agent of an investigative agency, or prosecuting attorney, from the public records law.

**Fiscal effect: Potential administrative cost savings if certain documents are no longer required to be released as part of a public records request due to an exemption under the public records law.**

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**DPSCD32 Limited term commercial driver's license****R.C. 3501.01, 4506.14, 4507.061, 4507.09**

Modifies laws related to commercial driver's licenses issued to temporary residents as follows:

Excludes the license as a form of photo identification for voting.

Makes the laws consistent with the federal REAL ID Act and state law for the issuance of a limited term driver's license.

Clarifies that the expiration date is the earlier of the expiration date of the holder's authorized stay in the U.S. or four years, or is one year if there is no expiration date of the temporary resident's authorized stay in the U.S.

Authorizes renewal of the license, provided the temporary resident can verify his or her continued lawful status in the U.S., but specifies that the renewal may not take place online.

**Fiscal effect: Potential minimal one-time costs to bring the limited term commercial driver's license in line with the limited term driver's license and federal law.**

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**DPSCD35 Electronic documents****R.C. 4501.027**

Authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and a deputy registrar to accept electronically: (1) documents that are required to accompany the services and transactions that the BMV conducts electronically or online; and (2) documents approved by the Registrar for electronic or online submission and acceptance.

**Fiscal effect: None; potentially streamlines administrative processes and procedures.**

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**DPSCD36 Additional motor vehicle registration and renewal fees**

R.C. 4503.10

Increases the additional annual motor vehicle registration and renewal fees (used for ODPS's costs to administer and enforce the motor vehicles and traffic laws) by \$10, beginning January 1, 2026, as follows: (1) from \$11 to \$21 for noncommercial vehicles, and (2) from \$30 to \$40 for non-apportioned commercial vehicles.

**Fiscal effect: Potential revenue gain of up to \$129.9 million or more annually for the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0), which receives the additional registration and renewal fees (based on 12,990,409 non-commercial and non-apportioned commercial vehicles registered in 2023).**

**DPSCD27 Motor vehicle registration by phone**

R.C. 4503.102

Eliminates the existing requirement that the BMV accept motor vehicle registration payments via telephone.

**Fiscal effect: None; the telephone number will still exist to provide other forms of BMV support and customer service.**

**DPSCD41 Online motor vehicle registrations**

R.C. 4503.102

Authorizes a person to apply for an initial registration and a transfer of registration for a motor vehicle through the online system established by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, similar to registration renewals under current law.

Requires the Registrar or deputy registrar to verify and authenticate any associated documents submitted electronically with those registrations.

Allocates the service fee to whoever verifies and authenticates the documents and the postage costs to whoever mails the certificate of registration and associated license plates to the applicant.

**Fiscal effect: Potential shifting of workload and related service fee revenue from deputy registrars to the BMV for initial registration and transfer of registration transactions conducted online instead of in-person; potentially results in administrative efficiencies related to initial vehicle registrations by allowing them to take place electronically in addition to in-person.**

**DPSCD33 Financial responsibility statement**

R.C. 4503.20

Removes the following requirements regarding the proof of financial responsibility statement provided at the time of motor vehicle registration: (1) that the person registering the motor vehicle separately sign the statement; (2) that the person be given and sign a separate form listing the penalties for failure to have proof of financial responsibility; and (3) that a motor vehicle dealer obtain the separate signatures and forward them to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles when registering the vehicle on behalf of a purchaser or lessor.

**Fiscal effect: None; streamlines the vehicle registration process.**

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**DPSCD23 Disabled veterans: registration transfer fee****R.C. 4503.29, 4503.41**

Eliminates the \$1 transfer fee that generally applies when a person transfers a registration and license plate from one vehicle to another if the license plate is: (1) a license plate honoring military service or a military award issued to a disabled veteran; or (2) a disabled veteran license plate issued to a disabled veteran.

**Fiscal effect: Potential minimal loss of registration and license plate transfer fee revenue received by the BMV annually. (In CY 2023, there were 124 active "Disabled American Veteran" license plates and 166,050 active license plates honoring military service or a military award however, there is no breakdown by disability status.)**

**DPSCD31 "Blackout" license plates****R.C. 4503.511, Section 820.80**

Allows the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, effective January 1, 2026, to issue "Blackout" license plates, which have a black background with white lettering and do not display the slogan "Birthplace of Aviation" or county identification stickers.

Requires a \$20 contribution for issuance of the license plate and a \$10 BMV administration fee, both credited to the Public Safety - Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0).

**Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase for the BMV to produce and issue blackout license plates to be offset by the \$10 BMV fee; gain of \$20 for Fund 5TM0 for each "Blackout" license plate issued or renewed.**

**DPSCD20 Certificate of title fee increase****R.C. 4505.09, 4519.59, Section 820.80**

Increases by \$3 (from \$15 to \$18) beginning January 1, 2026, the general certificate of title fee required for most motor vehicles, all-purpose vehicles, and off-highway motorcycles and allocates the increase to the Security, Investigations, and Policing Fund (Fund 8400), which is used by the Ohio State Highway Patrol for certain security and investigation operations.

**Fiscal effect: Potential revenue gain of up to \$16.1 million or more annually (based on 5,379,301 certificates of title issued in CY 2023) for Fund 8400.**

**DPSCD22 Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse notifications****R.C. 4506.01, 4506.05, 4506.07, 4506.13**

Updates Ohio Commercial Motor Vehicle Laws to reflect federal requirements relating to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (DAC) notifications to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, as follows:

Prohibits a commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit (CLP) or commercial driver's license (CDL) holder from operating a commercial motor vehicle if the driver has violated certain alcohol and controlled substance prohibitions;

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Prohibits the Registrar from issuing, renewing, or upgrading a CLP or CDL if the Registrar receives notice from the DAC of that alcohol and controlled substance violation;

Establishes procedures for the Registrar to downgrade a CLP or CDL in order to remove the driver's privileges to operate a commercial motor vehicle, after receiving notice from the DAC; and

Establishes procedures for the Registrar to reinstate a CLP or CDL if the Registrar receives notice from the DAC that the driver is no longer prohibited from or was erroneously identified as prohibited from operating a commercial motor vehicle.

**Fiscal effect: Potential minimal one-time costs to ensure that Ohio's CDL law remains in compliance with federal laws pertaining to the issuance of CDLs.**

**DPSCD17 Seat belt usage as primary offense**

**R.C. 4507.05, 4507.071, 4511.043, 4511.81, 4513.263, 307.515, 733.40, 2152.21, 4501.11, 4513.35, 5503.04**

Makes the following offenses primary offenses, rather than a secondary offenses as under current law:

Failure to wear a properly adjusted seat belt as either the operator or front-seat passenger of an automobile;

Failure to properly secure a child in the appropriate booster seat or seat belt, according to the child's age, weight, height, and manufacturer's instructions;

Failure for all passengers to wear a seat belt in a motor vehicle driven by an operator who has a learner's permit or a probationary driver's license.

**Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in costs to adjudicate violations and sanction offenders. Potential gain in fine revenue.**

**DPSCD25 Medically restricted driver's license**

**R.C. 4507.08**

Eliminates the six-month validity period for a medically restricted driver's license and instead requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to determine the validity period.

**Fiscal effect: Minimal.**

**DPSCD26 Ohio credential reprints**

**R.C. 4507.40**

Allows a person to obtain up to two reprints of an Ohio credential, such as a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card, rather than one reprint as in current law.

**Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs for the BMV to produce and issue additional credential reprints, which would be offset by the applicable fee required to obtain the reprint (varies by type of credential) plus a \$5 service fee.**

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**DPSCD29 Expedited Ohio credential**

**R.C. 4507.41, Section 820.80**

Allows the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, beginning January 1, 2026, to offer an expedited process for issuing an Ohio credential, such as a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card.

Requires a \$100 administration fee for expedited issuance in addition to regular fees, taxes, and mailing costs, and requires the administration fee and mailing costs be credited to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0).

Authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules to implement the expedited credentials program and exempts those rules from the law governing regulatory restrictions.

**Fiscal effect: Potential minimal one-time and ongoing increase in administrative costs for the BMV to implement an expedited credentials program and to issue expedited credentials; offset by the \$100 administration fee and applicable mailing costs imposed to obtain an expedited credential.**

**DPSCD39 Driver training in schools grant program**

**R.C. 4508.023**

Creates the Driver Training in Schools Grant Program and authorizes ODPS to administer and distribute grants to schools to provide driver training courses approved by the ODPS Director.

Makes schools eligible for grants under the program regardless of whether the school develops and provides its own driver training course or contracts with a private third party to develop and provide a driver training course.

Authorizes ODPS to adopt rules for the purpose of implementing and administering the grant program.

**Fiscal effect: Potential increase in costs for ODPS to establish and administer the grant program; funding for the grant program is supported by the Adult Use Tax Fund (Fund QG18).**

**DPSCD34 Request for administrative hearing**

**R.C. 4509.101**

Extends, from 10 to 15 days, the time in which a person who is adversely impacted by a driver's license suspension order issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for failure to have proof of financial responsibility must request an administrative hearing.

**Fiscal effect: Minimal.**

**DPSCD18 Ignition interlock device violations**

**R.C. 4510.01, 4510.13, 4510.46**

Adds two circumstances that constitute an ignition interlock device violation for purposes of extending a driver's license suspension or requiring additional continuous alcohol monitoring for an OVI offender:

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(1) The ignition interlock device detects the presence of alcohol in the offender's breath in a concentration above the preset level during operation of the vehicle, but after the device allowed the vehicle to start; and

(2) The driver fails to provide a deep-lung breath sample or similar method sample in the amount of time required by the device during operation of the vehicle, but after the device allowed the vehicle to start.

**Fiscal effect: Minimal, if the county indigent driver's interlock and alcohol monitoring fund is used to pay for additional monitoring.**

**DPSCD24 Restricted license: ignition interlock device designation**

**R.C. 4510.022, 4510.13, 4510.07**

Authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to include a code, in addition to the printed statement under current law, on a restricted license indicating that the licensee is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a certified ignition interlock device.

**Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in costs if the Registrar chooses to include a code on restricted licenses.**

**DPSCD19 Distracted Driving: failure to control a vehicle**

**R.C. 4511.202, 4511.991**

Adds failure to control a vehicle to the list of offenses for which additional fines may be imposed if a person violates such an offense while distracted.

**Fiscal effect: Potential gain in fine revenue retained by the county or credited to the Security, Investigations, and Policing Fund (Fund 8400) if the offender was cited by the Ohio State Highway Patrol.**

**DPSCD30 Tobacco sales and enforcement agents**

**R.C. 5502.14**

Authorizes enforcement agents employed by ODPS to enforce the law governing the unlawful distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and alternative nicotine products on the premises of a licensed retail dealer of cigarettes or on any other premises where a violation of that law is occurring.

**Fiscal effect: None; clarifies existing authority.**

**DPSCD21 Emergency management compact immunity**

**R.C. 5502.30**

Applies the immunity provision of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, which currently applies only to an employee of a political subdivision rendering aid in another state, to any person deployed by an emergency management agency to render aid in another state, including: (1) an employee of a political subdivision or a nonprofit organization or (2) a paid or unpaid volunteer or health care worker of a for-profit or nonprofit organization.

**Fiscal effect: Minimal.**

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**Executive****DPSCD1 Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement****Section: 373.20**

Earmarks the following in each fiscal year for GRF ALI 761403, Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement:

- (1) Up to \$2,900,000 to be used to support local law enforcement narcotics task forces that focus on cartel trafficking interdiction. Requires the interdiction task forces to be designated Ohio Organized Crime Commission task forces subject to approval and supervision of the Commission. Permits the money to also be used to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies, by the Commission for task force-related equipment purchases, and for operating expenses of the Office of Criminal Justice Services related to the narcotics interdiction task force program.
- (2) Up to \$2,500,000 for narcotics task forces in order to build new and strengthen existing partnerships with local law enforcement, for local law enforcement agencies, and for operating expenses of the Office of Criminal Justice Services related to the Ohio narcotics task force program.
- (3) Up to \$600,000 to be used to partner with the DAS Office of Information Technology to enhance and maintain a uniform records management and data intelligence system, and provide case management, collaboration, data sharing, and data analytics tools for Ohio narcotics task forces and law enforcement agencies.

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**DPSCD2 Local Disaster Assistance****Section: 373.20**

Reappropriates the available balance of GRF ALI 763511, Local Disaster Assistance, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026, respectively, to the following fiscal year, for the April 17, 2018, and April 8, 2019, Major Disaster Declarations.

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**DPSCD3 Security Grants****Section: 373.30**

Requires GRF ALI 763513, Security Grants, be used to make competitive grants of up to \$100,000 to nonprofit organizations, houses of worship, chartered nonpublic schools, and licensed preschools for the following: (a) eligible security improvements to protect against acts of terrorism; (b) resource officers, special duty police officers, and licensed armed security guards; (c) lease or purchase of qualified security equipment; (d) placing qualified equipment at alternative locations; and (e) coordinated training.

Requires the Ohio EMA to administer and award the grants, as well as establish procedures and forms by which applicants may apply for a grant, a competitive process for ranking applicants and awarding the grants, and procedures for distributing grants.

Requires the Ohio EMA to post information about the grants and application process on its website.

Reappropriates the available balance of GRF ALI 763513, Security Grants, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026, respectively, to the following fiscal year.

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**DPSCD4 Justice Program Services****Section: 373.30**

Earmarks the following amounts from GRF ALI 768425, Justice Program Services, for use by the Office of Criminal Justice Services:



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- (1) Up to \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year to administer and distribute grants to state and local law enforcement agencies for body-worn camera programs.
- (2) Up to \$4,531,000 in each fiscal year to support anti-human trafficking efforts in the areas of prosecution, victim services to specifically include assistance for child victims, and priorities of the Governor's Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force.
- (3) Up to \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year to administer and distribute grants to local law enforcement agencies to assist local communities in reducing and preventing crime through crime reduction strategies, including overtime, equipment, technical assistance, and analytical support to implement such strategies.
- (4) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for grants to state and local law enforcement to conduct investigations on sexual assault kit testing results and related expenditures.
- (5) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year to support state and local law enforcement agencies in the recruitment, hiring, and training of qualified individuals to serve as peace officers; to support state and local first responder agencies in mental, physical, and emotional wellness; and to administer and distribute grants to state and local first responder agencies to assist in recruitment, retention, and wellness of their workforce.
- (6) Up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year for the purposes of implementing recommendations of the Governor's Warrant Task Force.

**DPSCD5 Driver training in schools grant program****Section: 373.30**

Requires Fund QG18 ALI 769639, Safe Driving Program, be used by ODPS, in consultation with DEW, to administer the driver training in schools grant program established in R.C. 4508.023.

**DPSCD6 Motor vehicle registration****Section: 373.40**

Permits the ODPS Director to deposit certain motor vehicle registration fee revenues to meet the cash needs of the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0).

Requires the revenues that are deposited to be used to support in part appropriations for the administration and enforcement of laws relative to the operation and registration of motor vehicles, and for payment of highway obligations and other statutory highway purposes.

Requires these revenues be paid into Fund 5TM0 before being paid into any other fund.

Requires that the deposit of these revenues be in approximately equal amounts on a monthly basis or as otherwise approved by the OBM Director.

Requires the ODPS Director, prior to the start of each fiscal year, to submit a plan to the OBM Director requesting approval of the anticipated revenue amounts to be deposited into Fund 5TM0.

Requires the ODPS Director, if during the fiscal year changes to the plan as approved by the OBM Director are necessary, to submit a revised plan to the OBM Director for approval prior to any change in the deposit of revenues.

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**DPSCD7 Validation sticker requirement****Section: 373.40**

Specifies that validation stickers are required for the annual registration of passenger, commercial, motorcycle, and other vehicles.

Permits the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules authorizing validation stickers to be produced at any location.

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**DPSCD8 Operating expense – Highway Patrol****Section: 373.40**

Requires revenue derived from the Highway Safety fee increase prescribed in R.C. 4503.10 that applies to any vehicle registration or renewal beginning January 1, 2026, be used exclusively for the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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**DPSCD9 Cash transfers to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund – Shipley upgrades****Section: 373.50**

Permits the OBM Director, pursuant to a plan submitted by the ODPS Director or as otherwise determined by the OBM Director and upon approval of CEB, to make appropriate cash transfers on a pro-rata basis from other funds used by ODPS, excluding the Public Safety Building Fund (Fund 7025), to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0) in order to reimburse expenditures for capital upgrades to the Shipley Building.

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**DPSCD10 Cash balance fund review****Section: 373.50**

Requires the ODPS Director to review the cash balances for each fund in the State Highway Safety Fund Group and permits the Director to submit a written request to the OBM Director to transfer amounts from any of those funds to the credit of the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0), as appropriate.

Permits the OBM Director, upon receipt of such a request, and subject to the approval of CEB, to make appropriate transfers as requested by the ODPS Director or as otherwise determined by the OBM Director.

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**DPSCD11 Cash transfers to the Security, Investigations, and Policing Fund****Section: 373.50**

Permits the OBM Director, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon written request of the ODPS Director to approve the transfer of cash from the State Highway Patrol Contraband, Forfeiture, and Other Fund (Fund 83C0) to the Security, Investigations and Policing Fund (Fund 8400).

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**DPSCD12 Transfer from State Fire Marshal Fund to Emergency Management Agency Service Reimbursement Fund****Section: 373.50**

Requires the OBM Director, in each fiscal year, to transfer \$450,000 from the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) used by COM to the Emergency Management Agency Service and Reimbursement Fund (Fund 4V30) used by ODPS.

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Makes the following earmarks of Fund 4V30 ALI 763662, EMA Service and Reimbursements:

- (1) \$250,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to the Ohio Task Force One – Urban Search and Rescue Unit to pay for its operating expenses and developing new programs.
- (2) \$200,000 in each fiscal year be distributed to the Ohio Task Force One – Urban Search and Rescue Unit, other similar urban search and rescue programs around the state, and for maintenance of the statewide fire emergency response by an entity recognized by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

**DPSCD13 State Disaster Relief****Section: 373.50**

Permits the State Disaster Relief Fund (Fund 5330) to be used for the following purposes:

- (a) To accept transfers of cash or appropriations from CEB ALIs for Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) disaster response and disaster program management costs.
- (b) To accept transfers of cash or appropriations from CEB ALIs for Ohio EMA recovery and mitigation program match costs to reimburse eligible local governments and private nonprofit organizations for disaster-related costs.
- (c) To accept transfers of cash or appropriations from CEB ALIs to cover costs incurred and to reimburse government entities for Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) missions.
- (d) To accept disaster-related reimbursement from federal, state, and local governments. Permits the OBM Director to transfer cash from reimbursements received by Fund 5330 to other state funds from which transfers were originally approved by CEB.
- (e) To accept transfers of cash or appropriations from CEB ALIs to fund the State Disaster Relief Program, for disasters qualifying for the program by written authorization of the Governor, and the State Individual Assistance Program for disasters that have been declared by the federal Small Business Administration and that qualify for the program by written authorization of the Governor.

Permits Fund 5330 to accept, hold, administer and expend any cash received from a gift, donation, bequest, devise or contribution.

**DPSCD14 Drug Law Enforcement Fund****Section: 373.50**

Limits the cumulative amount of funding provided to any single drug task force out of the Drug Law Enforcement Fund (Fund 5ET0) during the biennium to not more than \$500,000 in any calendar year.

**DPSCD15 SARA Title III HAZMAT Planning****Section: 373.50**

Authorizes the SARA Title III HAZMAT Planning Fund (Fund 6810) to receive grants from the Emergency Response Commission to implement the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's responsibilities.

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**DPSCD16 Collective bargaining increases**

**Section: 373.60**

Permits CEB, upon the request of either the OBM Director or the ODPS Director with the approval of the OBM Director, to authorize expenditures in excess of appropriations and transfer appropriations, as necessary, for any fund used by ODPS, except for the GRF, to assist in paying the employee compensation cost increases that have occurred pursuant to collective bargaining agreements and for exempt employees. Appropriates any money approved for this expenditure.

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**DPSCD42 GRF cash transfer to the eWarrant Local Integration Fund**

**Section: 512.10**

Permits the OBM Director to transfer \$4,000,000 cash in FY 2026 from the GRF to the eWarrant Local Integration Fund (Fund 5AZ1).

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**FCCCD9 Major and minor league sports facilities and youth sports education funding**

**R.C. 123.28, 123.281, 123.282**

Requires OFCC to administer the Sports Facilities Construction and Sports Education Fund ("fund") to support construction and renovation of major sports facilities and minor league sports facilities throughout Ohio for the economic benefit of the state, and to support youth sports education.

Creates the seven-member Ohio Advisory Committee for Sports Facility Construction and Youth Sports Education ("committee") to evaluate and approve projects to be supported by the fund and administered by OFCC.

Entitles public members to a per diem rate of \$500 a day on the days they meet and entitles all members to actual and necessary expenses.

Requires the committee to recommend policies and procedures for the administration of the fund for review and adoption by OFCC, prioritizing economic development through major sports facilities, major sports facility mixed-use projects and minor league sports facilities, youth sports education, and facilities that enable training in team or individual sports.

Requires projects to be awarded from the fund by a majority vote of the committee.

Requires the Directors of DEW, ODPS, and ODH, and the ADJ to advise the committee on what skills, facilities, and programs are necessary for youth sports education, and to publish, as needed, standards for youth sports education for K-12 students.

Permits the committee to recommend criteria to OFCC to establish, and permits OFCC to implement, a grant program that helps Ohio communities secure major sporting events, using monies from the fund.

Permits the committee to recommend to the Tax Commissioner the creation of tax credits to support youth sports education.

**Fiscal effect: OBM estimates that up to \$161.4 million in FY 2026 and up to \$167.4 million in FY 2027 will be transferred to the Sports Facilities Construction and Sports Education Fund. However the bill does not contain an appropriation for OFCC to operate the fund or program.**

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**Executive****Sales and Use Taxes****TAXCD18 Watercraft and outboard motors sales tax remittance****R.C. 1548.06**

Requires a clerk of court to remit sales and use tax from the sale of titled watercraft and outboard motors to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles instead of to TAX. Requires TAX to consult with DPS on the form of the remittance reports that must accompany the taxes collected.

**Fiscal effect: None.****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.**

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