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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.**

**JFSCD20 Ohio Lead Advisory Council**

**R.C. 3742.32**

Removes the representative of the Bureau of Child Care from the Ohio Lead Advisory Council.

**Fiscal effect: None.**

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**JFSCD26    WARN Act****R.C.        4113.31**

States that Ohio employers are subject to the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act, which requires, unless an exception applies, certain employers to provide written notice 60 days before commencing a plant closing or mass layoff as those terms are defined in the WARN Act.

Allows the Director of Job and Family Services to issue guidance and procedures to Ohio employers for the submission and review of notices provided under the WARN Act.

**Fiscal effect: This is codifying a federal requirement so should have no impact. However, ODJFS may realize costs if they do not currently issue guidance and procedures relating to the WARN Act and they choose to do so.**

**JFSCD18    Employer definition - Unemployment Compensation Law****R.C.        4141.01, 4141.011, 4141.02**

Expands the definition of employer for purposes of the Unemployment Compensation Law to include any state, its instrumentalities, and its political subdivisions and their instrumentalities (rather than Ohio, its instrumentalities, and its political subdivisions and their instrumentalities as under current law).

Reorganizes the definition of "employer" for purposes of the Unemployment Compensation Law.

Eliminates outdated provisions.

**Fiscal effect: There could be minimal administrative costs to collect benefits or reimbursements.**

**JFSCD27    Technology and customer service fee****R.C.        4141.11, 4141.44; Section 515.30**

Requires the ODJFS Director to collect a technology and customer service fee of no more than 0.15% of wages paid per covered employee from each contributory employer at the same time and in the same manner as employer contributions are collected under continuing law.

Requires the ODJFS Director to collect a technology and customer service fee of no more than \$13.50 whenever a nonprofit organization, or group of such organizations, that has elected to reimburse the unemployment system files or renews a surety bond required under continuing law.

Requires technology and customer service fees to be deposited into the Unemployment Compensation Special Administrative Fund (Fund 4A90).

**Fiscal effect: Increase in revenues deposited into Fund 4A90. In FY 2026, the OBM Director is permitted to transfer up to \$15.0 million from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to Fund 4A90. Before the end of FY 2027, the OBM Director, at the request of the ODJFS Director, is required to transfer cash in an equal amount from Fund 4A90 to Fund 5MK0 to pay back the deposit (see JFSCD28). These transferred funds will help pay for initial costs before revenues are received.**

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**JFSCD22 Income and eligibility verification system****R.C. 4141.162**

Requires the ODJFS Director to provide information from the income and eligibility verification system (IEVS) to any participating agency that has entered a written data sharing agreement that meets standards in federal law.

Eliminates a requirement that the Director adopt rules implementing the IEVS.

**Fiscal effect: None.****JFSCD17 Interest on late unemployment employer contributions****R.C. 4141.23**

Changes the annual interest rate for late unemployment employer contributions from 14% to the rounded federal short-term rate, not to exceed 15%, beginning January 1, 2026.

**Fiscal effect: Potential impact on revenues deposited into Fund 4A90, depending on the federal short-term rate.****JFSCD15 Employer response to request for information****R.C. 4141.28**

Reduces the time in which an employer must provide information requested by the ODJFS Director for the determination of the individual's right to unemployment benefits from ten working days after the request is sent to ten calendar days after the request is sent.

**Fiscal effect: None.****JFSCD25 Unemployment Compensation Review Commission hearings****R.C. 4141.281**

Allows an Unemployment Compensation Review Commission hearing officer to conduct a hearing by interactive video conference.

**Fiscal effect: Minimal.****JFSCD23 Unemployment compensation - temporary employees****R.C. 4141.29, Sections 801.10 and 830.10**

Requires that, for an initial unemployment benefits claim filed on or after the provision's effective date, an individual is considered to have quit work without just cause, thus disqualifying the individual from serving a waiting period or receiving unemployment benefits for the duration of the individual's unemployment (instead of just for any week as under current law), if all of the following apply:

- (1) The individual is provided temporary work assignments by the individual's employer under agreed terms and conditions of employment;
- (2) The individual is required pursuant to those terms and conditions to inquire with the individual's employer for available work assignments upon the conclusion of each work assignment;

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(3) Suitable work assignments are available with the employer, but the individual fails to contact the employer to inquire about work assignments.

**Fiscal effect: Potential reduction in the amount of unemployment benefits paid from the Unemployment Compensation Fund.**

**JFSCD19 Seasonal employment**

**R.C. 4141.33**

Requires the ODJFS Director to determine whether employment is seasonal based on the application for a determination filed by the employer and any other information available, rather than performing an investigation, providing notice, and holding a hearing as currently required.

**Fiscal effect: Potential minimal administrative savings.**

**JFSCD16 Deadline for submitting unemployment compensation reports**

**R.C. 4141.56, 4141.60**

Establishes August 1 as the deadline by which the ODJFS Director annually must submit to the Governor and General Assembly specified reports regarding unemployment compensation that are required under current law.

Eliminates the Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council, which has been abolished, as a required recipient of one of those reports.

**Fiscal effect: None.**

**JFSCD24 Unemployment Compensation Review Commission**

**R.C. 4507.53**

Allows ODPS' digitalized photographic records to be released to the Unemployment Compensation Review Commission.

**Fiscal effect: None, ODPS currently releases these records as necessary to ODJFS to carry out unemployment compensation duties. This would allow ODPS to release them to the Commission.**

**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.**

**JFSCD10 Adult Protective Services**

**R.C. 5101.612, Section 307.110**

Requires ODJFS to allocate funds for counties' Adult Protective Services costs according to a specified funding formula based on previous allocations, the percentage of older adults in the county, and the percentage of county residents in poverty.

Allows the ODJFS Director to adopt rules on the allocation of funds and expenditure reports.

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

Requires the remainder of the ALI be provided to counties based on a formula established by ODJFS.

**JFSCD21 Youth and Family Ombudsmen Office name, record access**

**R.C. 5101.891, 5101.892-5101.895, 5101.897, 5101.899**

Changes the name of the Youth and Family Ombudsman Office to the Youth and Family Ombudsmen Office.

Allows the Ombudsmen Office to access records of DCY, in addition to the records of ODJFS as in continuing law.

**Fiscal effect: Minimal.**

**JFSCD1 County Administrative Funds**

**Section: 307.20**

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

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

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

Allows the ODJFS Director to request the OBM Director to transfer appropriations between (1) GRF ALI 600521, Family Assistance - Local and GRF ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, and (2) GRF ALI 655523, Medicaid Program Support - Local Transportation and GRF ALI 655522.

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**JFSCD2 Name of Food Stamp Program**

**Section: 307.30**

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

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

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**JFSCD3 Ohio Association of Food Banks**

**Section: 307.40**

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

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

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

Requires ODJFS to count eligible nonfederal expenditures made by member food banks of the Ohio Association of Food Banks toward TANF maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements.

Requires the ODJFS Director to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Association of Food Banks to carry out the requirements under this section.

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**JFSCD4 Ohio Association of Foodbanks Subgrant**

**Section: 307.50**

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

Requires the Ohio Association of Foodbanks to do the following:

- (1) Purchase food for the Agriculture Clearance and Ohio Food Programs.
  - (2) Support the Capacity Building Grant Program and purchase equipment for partner agencies that is needed to increase their capacity to serve more families eligible under the TANF program.
  - (3) Submit a quarterly report to ODJFS not later than 60 days after the close of the quarter to which the report pertains.
  - (4) Submit an annual report, with specified information, to the Agreement Manager at ODJFS not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year.
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**JFSCD5 Food Stamps Transfer**

**Section: 307.60**

Permits the OBM Director, upon request of the ODJFS Director, to transfer up to \$1,000,000 cash from the Food Stamp Offset Fund (Fund 5B60) to the Food Assistance Fund (Fund 5ES0) on July 1, 2025.

**JFSCD6 Public Assistance Activities/TANF MOE**

**Section: 307.70**

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

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

**JFSCD7 TANF Block Grant**

**Section: 307.80**

Earmarks up to \$13,535,000 in each fiscal year in total from Fund 3V60 ALI 600689, TANF Block Grant, and GRF ALI 600410, TANF State Maintenance of Effort, to support programs or organizations that provide services that align with the mission and goals of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Earmarks \$12,500,000 in each fiscal year in total from Fund 3V60 ALI 600689, TANF Block Grant, and GRF ALI 600410, TANF State Maintenance of Effort, for the Ohio Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs. Requires \$150,000 in each fiscal year of this allocation be provided to the Boys and Girls Club of Massillon.

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

- (1) \$3,750,000 in each fiscal year for the Children’s Hunger Alliance.
- (2) Up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Community Action Training Organization.
- (3) Up to \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year to the Siemer Institute.
- (4) Up to \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year to the Ohio Council of YWCAs.
- (5) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio.
- (6) \$250,000 in each fiscal year for the Toledo Seagate Foodbank.
- (7) \$250,000 in each fiscal year for the Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services.
- (8) \$200,000 in each fiscal year for Marriage Works! Ohio in Dayton.



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**Executive****JFSCD8 Program Operations****Section: 307.90**

Earmarks \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year in GRF ALI 600450, Program Operations, for the GRIT Program administered by ODJFS, in coordination with DEV and the Governor's Office of Appalachia.

Requires the program to expand the qualified worker pipeline, remove barriers to fill local and remote jobs, and promote entrepreneurial endeavors in certain Appalachian regions. Requires funds to be used for specified activities, including establishing virtual workforce development centers and supportive resources, career development and training activities, and operating costs.

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**JFSCD9 Child, Family, and Community Protection Services****Section: 307.100**

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

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

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**JFSCD11 Fiduciary and Holding Account Fund Groups****Section: 307.120**

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

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

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**JFSCD12 HEAP Weatherization****Section: 307.130**

Allows up to 25% of the federal funds credited to the Home Energy Assistance Block Grant Fund (Fund 3K90) to be spent from ALI 6006B7, HEAP Weatherization, to be used to provide home weatherization services as determined by ODJFS.

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**JFSCD13 Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Fund****Section: 307.140**

Creates the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Fund in the custody of TOS, but states that the fund is not part of the state treasury. Requires (1) the fund to consist of money awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Summer Electronic Benefits for Children Program and (2) money in the fund be used to pay eligible charges incurred by children and families eligible for, and participating in, the program.

Requires the ODJFS Director to submit information regarding the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program to certain individuals on or before August 1 of each fiscal year.

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**JFSCD14 Work Requirements****Section: 307.150**

Allows ODJFS to refer OWF and SNAP participants claiming a mental or physical illness or impairment to OOD for vocational rehabilitation assessment and support.

Requires participants to continue with these services unless determined by OOD to be unable to work or meet minimum work requirements. Requires benefits be terminated for participants who (1) do not participate in these services and are not determined unable to work by OOD and (2) do not meet work requirements.

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**JFSCD28 Temporary transfer to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administrative Fund****Section: 515.30**

Permits the OBM Director to transfer up to \$15,000,000 in FY 2026 from the Controlling Board Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administrative Fund (Fund 4A90) to pay the costs of building and developing a new unemployment insurance information technology system.

Requires the OBM Director, before the end of FY 2027, upon the request of the ODJFS Director, to transfer cash equal to the amount previously transferred to Fund 4A90 (from Fund 5KM0 in FY 2026) from Fund 4A90 back to Fund 5KM0.

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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.

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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.

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**Executive****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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**Executive****AGECD4    Electronic visit verification - home care services****R.C.        121.36**

Exempts providers utilizing electronic visit verification systems from the law requiring providers under contract with the ODA, ODODD, ODJFS, and ODH to satisfy certain conditions (e.g. procedures for maintaining certain records and procedures for conducting a random check of 5% of home care visits) when adopting a system to monitor the delivery of home care services by their employees.

Eliminates the law requiring the departments above to study and submit a report addressing how self-employed providers, who are exempt under current law from the requirement to adopt a monitoring system, may be made subject to that requirement by September 27, 2005.

**Fiscal effect: If the provision leads to a reduction in provider administrative costs, this might eventually result in a decrease in reimbursements provided by these departments.**

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**KIDCD38 DCY duties and responsibilities and conforming changes**

**R.C. 121.37, 149.43, 1347.08, 2101.16, 2151.3527, 2151.421, 3107.062-3107.065, 3107.391, 3115.201, 3301.0714, 3301.0723, 3301.541, 3701.045, 5101.211, 5101.212, 5101.215, 5101.222, 5101.242, 5101.26, 5101.272, 5101.273, 5101.28, 5101.30, 5101.33, 5101.351, 5101.38, 5101.461, 5101.892, 5101.899, 5103.021, 5103.15, 5103.155, 5103.41, 5104.37, 5104.99, 5123.191, 5139.05, 5139.08, 5139.34, 5153.10; Section 830.10**

Makes conforming changes and technical corrections to reflect the transfer of various duties and responsibilities to DCY in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly.

Transfers or adds responsibility related to specified other programs to DCY, including the Putative Father Registry, child fatality review boards, scholars residential centers, access to records of public assistance recipients, access to DCY records by the Youth and Family Ombudsman Office, coordination with DYS, and providing technical assistance to a court-appointed receiver of a DODD-licensed residential facility.

**Fiscal effect: Costs relating to programs and activities being transferred or relating to any additional responsibilities will also be transferred to DCY and will be reflected in DCY's budget rather than ODJFS, ODH, or other applicable state agency budgets.**

**KIDCD39 DCY recodification**

**R.C. 5101., and 5180. (renumbering chapter sections); conforming changes in numerous other R.C. sections**

Relocates and recodifies numerous Revised Code sections that relate to the duties and responsibilities of DCY to the DCY chapter of the Revised Code (Chapter 5180.) and makes conforming changes as a result.

Makes conforming changes and technical corrections to reflect the transfer of various duties and responsibilities to DCY in H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly.

Removes obsolete language.

Transfers oversight of the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Board and the "Choose Life" Fund to DCY.

**Fiscal effect: Costs relating to these programs and activities will be transferred to DCY and reflected in DCY's budget rather than ODH or other applicable state agency budgets.**

**KIDCD35 Removal of hearing rights for Kinship Support program denials**

**R.C. 5101.1411, (renumbered as 5180.428)**

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

**Fiscal effect: Minimal.**

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**Executive****General****MCD4CD4 Right of recovery for cost of medical assistance****R.C. 5160.37**

Permits an individual who was a recipient of medical assistance and repaid money to ODM or a CDJFS pursuant to a right of recovery between April 6, 2007, and September 28, 2007, to request a hearing regarding those payments within 180 days.

Authorizes any of the following to request a hearing: (1) a medical assistance recipient; (2) a medical assistance recipient's authorized representative; (3) the executor or administrator of a medical assistance recipient's estate authorized to make or pursue a request; (4) a court-appointed guardian; and (5) an attorney who has been directly retained by the medical assistance recipient, or the recipient's parent, legal guardian, or court-appointed guardian.

**Fiscal effect: ODM will incur administrative costs related to participating in any requested hearings.**

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**MCD4CD29 Public assistance for eligibility determinations****Section: 333.200**

Permits up to \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 655522, Medicaid Program Support - Local, in ODJFS, to be distributed based on performance criteria established by ODM. Allows performance-based amounts and transfer approval criteria to include application and renewal timeliness and accuracy.

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**Appropriation Language****MCD4CD15 Work Community Engagement Program - county costs****Section: 333.70**

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

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

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

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**MCDCD25 Non-emergency medical transportation****Section: 333.160**

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

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**MCDCD27 Home and community based services appropriations - state****Section: 333.180**

Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures in Fund 5HC8 ALIs 651698, MCD Home and Community Based Services, 653698, DDD Home and Community Based Services, 652698, MHA Home and Community Based Services, 655698, JFS Home and Community Based Services, 659698, BOR Home and Community Based Services, and 656698, AGE Home and Community Based Services, conditional on the additional expenditures being offset by equal expenditure reductions in another of these identified ALIs.

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

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**MCDCD28 Home and community based services appropriations - federal****Section: 333.190**

Permits the OBM Director to authorize additional expenditures in Fund 3HC8 ALIs 651699, MCD Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 653699, DDD Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 652699, MHA Home and Community Based Services – Federal, 655699, JFS Home and Community Based Services – Federal, and 659699, BOR Home and Community Based Services - Federal, and 656699, AGE Home and Community Based Services – Federal, conditional on the additional expenditures being offset by equal expenditure reductions in another of these identified line items.

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

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## Executive

**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.**