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AGOCD28 Special prosecutor for correctional institution offenses

No provision.

R.C. 109.39

Allows AGO to appoint a special prosecutor for the prosecution of offenses perpetrated in facilities operated by DRC.

Fiscal effect: Shifts prosecuting costs from the applicable county to the AGO.

AGOCD27 Peace officer lapse in service

No provision.

R.C. 109.73, 109.77

Prevents the expiration of a certificate awarded by OPOTC attesting to a person's satisfactory completion of an approved peace officer basic training program because of a lapse of employment as a peace officer, subject to the below refresher training requirements.

No provision.

Requires a certificated peace officer to complete refresher training if that officer has not been employed as a peace officer for at least one year for prior to reappointment as a peace officer.

No provision.

Requires up to 40 hours of refresher training if the period of lapse was at least one year, but less than 4 years.

No provision.

Requires up to 80 hours of refresher training, if the period of lapse was four years or longer.

Fiscal effect: May result in a savings effect for appointing agencies as fewer individuals will be required to retake the full basic training course upon re-appointment compared to the rules of the existing refresher program.

AGOCD31 Public Records Law changes

R.C. 149.43

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Creates an exemption under the Public Records Law for the following:

Same as the Executive, but with the following changes:

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"Specific investigatory work product" and defines it to include specific records developed during an investigation by the investigating officer, agent of an investigative agency, or prosecuting attorney.

(1) Same as the Executive, but defines "specific investigatory work product" for purposes of the Public Records Law as information assembled by law enforcement officials in connection with a probable or pending criminal proceeding.

No provision.

(2) "Attorney work product record," defined as a record (including any record that documents the independent thought processes, mental impressions, legal theories, strategies, analysis, or reasoning) created by or for an attorney in anticipation of or for litigation, trial, or administrative proceedings, when acting in an official capacity on behalf of the state, a political subdivision of the state, a state agency, public official, or public employee.

No provision.

(3) A record created using assistive device or application when the record is used, maintained, and accessible only to the individual creating the record or causing the record to be created.

No provision.

(4) The personal notes of a public official or public employee, or an attorney acting in an official capacity on behalf of the public official or public employee acting in their official capacity, which were created for reference and convenience and are used, maintained, and accessible only to the individual creating the record or causing the record to be created.

No provision.

Clarifies that trial preparation records, which include any record that is not a confidential law enforcement investigatory record or attorney work product record, are exempt from the Public Records Law until after the conclusion of all direct appeals or, if no appeal is filed, at the expiration of the time during which an appeal may be filed.

Fiscal effect: Potential administrative cost savings for state and local agencies 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.

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGOCD1 Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science

Section: 221.20

Earmarks \$650,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses, for the Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green State University for fostering forensic science research techniques (BCI Eminent Scholar) and creating professional training opportunities to students (BCI Scholars) in the forensic science fields.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD2 Narcotics task forces

Section: 221.20

Earmarks up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses, to support narcotics task forces funded by AGO.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD3 Domestic violence programs

Section: 221.20

Earmarks \$100,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses, to fund domestic violence programs.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD4 BCIRS Lease Rental Payments

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055406, BCIRS Lease Rental Payments, to be used for payments in FY 2026 and FY 2027, pursuant to leases and agreements entered into for the financing of costs associated with the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation Records System (BCIRS).

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD5 County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement, to be used to supplement the annual compensation of county sheriffs.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

Permits, at the request of AGO, the transfer of appropriation from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses, to GRF ALI 055411 to fund the supplemental annual compensation of county sheriffs.

Same as the Executive.

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AGOCD6 County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement, to be used to supplement the annual compensation of certain county prosecutors.

Permits, at the request of AGO, the transfer of appropriation from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses, to GRF ALI 055415 to fund the supplemental annual compensation of county prosecutors.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD7 Drug Abuse Response Team Grant Program

Section: 221.20

Requires AGO to maintain the Drug Abuse Response Team Grant Program to replicate or expand successful law enforcement programs that address the opioid epidemic similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team established by the Lucas County Sheriff's Department, and the Quick Response Teams established in Colerain Township's Department of Public Safety in Hamilton County and Summit County. Permits any grants awarded to include requirements for private or nonprofit matching support.

Requires GRF ALI 055431, Drug Abuse Response Team Grants, to be used by AGO to fund grants to law enforcement or other government agencies primarily for the purpose noted above.

Requires that each recipient of funding submit, within six months of the end date of the grant, a written report describing the outcomes that resulted from the grant to the Governor, President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the minority leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

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AGOCD8 Drug Testing Equipment

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055432, Drug Testing Equipment, to be used to purchase, operate, and maintain drug testing equipment for the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

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AGOCD9 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055434, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to be used to support the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD10 Victims of Crime

Section: 221.20

Requires that GRF ALI 055441, Victims of Crime, be allocated for the Crime Victim Compensation Program.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

Requires AGO, prior to using this ALI, and to the extent possible, first use funds related to the federal Victims of Crime Act.

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD11 Cleveland Rape Crisis Center

Section: 221.20

Earmarks \$300,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055501, Rape Crisis Centers, to be distributed to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center to provide services for at-risk youth through the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center Human Trafficking Drop-in Center.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD12 School Safety Training Grants

Section: 221.20

Requires GRF ALI 055502, School Safety Training Grants, to be used by AGO, in consultation with the DEW Director and the Director of Behavioral Health to make grants for school safety and school climate programs and training to public and chartered nonpublic schools, educational service centers, local law enforcement agencies, and schools operated by county boards of developmental disabilities.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

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Permits grants to be used for: (a) school resource officer certification training, (b) any type of active shooter and school safety training or equipment, (c) all grade level type educational resources, (d) training to identify and assist students with mental health issues, (e) school supplies or equipment related to school safety or for implementing the school's safety plan, and (f) any other training, supplies, services, or equipment related to school safety.

Same as the Executive.

Requires participating schools, educational service centers, and county boards to work with or contract with the county sheriff's office or the appropriate local police department to develop these programs and training. Prohibits any grant awarded directly to a local law enforcement agency, or nonprofit or charitable training organization on the local law enforcement agency's behalf, to be used to fund a similar request made by a school located within the jurisdiction of the local law enforcement agency.

Same as the Executive.

Allows AGO to make payments directly to school or law enforcement nonprofit or charitable training organizations on behalf of any public and chartered nonpublic schools, educational service centers, local law enforcement agencies, and schools operated by county boards of developmental disabilities administering special education services.

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD13 Domestic Violence Programs

Section: 221.20

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Requires GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, to be used by AGO to fund domestic violence programs.

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD14 Finding My Childhood Again Pilot Program

Section: 221.20

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Earmarks \$300,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, to be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties for expenses related to the creation and implementation of a pilot program called "Finding my Childhood Again."

Same as the Executive.

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AGOCD15 Battered women's shelters

Section: 221.20

Earmarks \$50,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, to be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties for the cost of operating the commercial kitchen located at its Market Street Facility.

Earmarks \$50,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, to be distributed to the Battered Women's Shelter of Portage County.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD16 Transportation grants

Section: 221.20

Earmarks \$25,000 in FY 2026 from GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs, for grants to Ohio domestic violence shelters to purchase travel vouchers, ridesharing credits, and gas cards for eligible clients.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD17 Pike County Capital Case

Section: 221.20

Reappropriates the available balance of GRF ALI 055505, Pike County Capital Case, at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively, for the same purpose.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD18 Law Enforcement Training

Section: 221.20

Requires Fund QG18 ALI 055675, Law Enforcement Training, to be used by AGO for state funding of the training of peace officers and troopers.

Permits AGO to use up to \$100,000 in each fiscal year for administrative expenses associated with the program.

No provision.

No provision.

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AGOCD19 Collections System Lease Rental Payments

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund 4190 ALI 055668, Collections System Lease Rental Payments, be used to finance payments related to the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Attorney General New Collection System.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD20 Workers' Compensation Section

Section: 221.20

Permits the Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 1950) to receive quarterly payments from BWC and OIC to fund legal services provided by AGO to those two state agencies.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

Requires BWC to transfer quarterly payments for the support of AGO's Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit. Requires the amounts of these quarterly payments to be mutually agreed upon by AGO, BWC, and OIC.

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD21 General Holding Account

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund R004 ALI 055631, General Holding Account, be used to distribute money under the terms of relevant court orders or other settlements received in a variety of cases involving AGO. Appropriates additional amounts if it is determined that they are necessary for this purpose.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD22 Antitrust Settlements

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund R005 ALI 055632, Antitrust Settlements, be used to distribute money under the terms of relevant court orders or other out-of-court settlements in antitrust cases or antitrust matters involving AGO. Appropriates additional amounts if it is determined that they are necessary for this purpose.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

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AGOCD23 Charitable Settlement Holding Account

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund 5BY1 ALI 055674, Charitable Settlement Holding Account, be used to distribute money in the Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1) under the terms of relevant court orders or other settlements received in the charitable law cases involving AGO.

Creates the Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1) in the state treasury.

Requires AGO, on July 1, 2025 or as soon as possible thereafter, to certify to the OBM Director the amount of cash receipts related to settlements received in charitable law cases and credited to the General Holding Account (Fund R004).

Requires the OBM Director to transfer the amount certified from Fund R004 to Fund 5BY1.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

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AGOCD24 Consumer Frauds

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund R018 ALI 055630, Consumer Frauds, be used to distribute money from court-ordered judgments against sellers in actions brought by AGO to provide restitution to consumers victimized by the fraud that generated the court-ordered judgments. Appropriates additional amounts if it is determined that they are necessary for this purpose.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

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AGOCD25 Organized Crime Commission Distributions

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund R042 ALI 055601, Organized Crime Commission Distributions, be used by the Organized Crime Investigations Commission to reimburse political subdivisions for expenses incurred when their law enforcement officers participate in an organized crime task force. Appropriates additional amounts if it is determined that they are necessary for this purpose.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

AGOCD26 Collection Payment Redistribution

Section: 221.20

Requires that Fund R054 ALI 055650, Collection Payment Redistribution, be used for paying contingency counsel fees in cases where debtors mistakenly paid the client agencies instead of AGO's Collections Enforcement Section. Appropriates additional amounts if it is determined that they are necessary for this purpose.

Section: 221.20

Same as the Executive.

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DASCD40 Office of Risk Management attorney-client privilege

R.C. 9.821

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

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

Fiscal effect: None.

R.C. 9.821

Same as the Executive.

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Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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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.

R.C. 109.872

Same as the Executive.

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(a) Same as the Executive.

(b) Same as the Executive.

(c) Same as the Executive.

(d) Same as the Executive.

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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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

R.C. 3780.02, 3780.03, 3780.10, 3780.18 (repealed), 3780.19 (repealed), 3780.22, 3780.23 (repealed), 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%.

No provision.

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

Same as the Executive, but lowers the rate to 10%.

Repeals current law’s tax revenue distributions (36% to the state Cannabis Social Equity and Jobs Fund, 36% to the Host Community Cannabis Fund, 25% to the state Substance Abuse and Addiction Fund, and 3% to COM and TAX for administration purposes) and 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.

Same as the Executive on repealing current law’s tax revenue distributions, but reallocates revenues from the tax all to the GRF except distributing 20% of tax revenue, for five years, to the Host Community Cannabis Fund to be distributed to municipalities and townships that have at least one adult-use dispensary or a location for which a provisional dispensary license is issued before July 1, 2025.

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.

Fiscal effect: Approximately \$95.6 million in FY 2026 and \$156.2 million in FY 2027 of adult use marijuana tax would be allocated to the GRF while the Host Community Cannabis Fund would receive about \$23.9 million in FY 2026 and \$39.1 million in FY 2027.

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LOCCD2 Video public records

No provision.

R.C. 149.43

Authorizes a prosecuting attorney's office to assess certain charges for preparing a video public record, like a state or local law enforcement agency may do under existing law.

No provision.

Prohibits a state or local law enforcement agency or a prosecuting attorney's office from charging a fee for preparing a video record for inspection, or producing a copy of a video record, when the requester of the video record is a victim, as defined in Section 10a of Article I, Ohio Constitution, who reasonably asserts that the video recording relates to the act or omission that caused the harm or loss, or who is the legal counsel or insurer of the victim.

Fiscal effect: Potential revenue loss to the extent that law enforcement agencies are charging a video record fee and would be precluded from collecting that fee in certain situations. (State and local law enforcement agencies were given the authority to charge a fee for video records in H.B. 315 of the 135th G.A., which took effect on April 3, 2025.)