



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 6**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Passed by the Senate)

**Sens.** Hoagland, LaRose, Obhof, Gardner, Tavares, Kunze, Hottinger, Uecker, Yuko, Beagle, Bacon, Balderson, Brown, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Eklund, Hackett, Hite, Huffman, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Terhar, Thomas, Wilson

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Formally establishes the ODOT Bridge Partnership Program through which ODOT must work with counties and other local jurisdictions to fund the rehabilitation and reconstruction of structurally deficient bridges.
  - Requires the Director of Transportation to produce a report that includes recommendations for how ODOT can continue to fund the Program through and after the end of FY 2019 using ODOT's current and continued revenue sources.
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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **ODOT Bridge Partnership Program**

Since 2014, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has operated the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program for purposes of repairing structurally deficient county and municipal bridges. The bill formally establishes and codifies the ODOT Bridge Partnership Program, with requirements that are consistent with the current practices of the Program. The bill requires ODOT to work with counties and other local jurisdictions to fund the rehabilitation or reconstruction of selected bridges that are located on county roads or within municipal corporations and are owned by a county or municipal corporation. Under the bill, in order to be eligible for the ODOT Bridge Partnership Program, a bridge must meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) The bridge is not less than 20 feet long;
- (2) The bridge is structurally deficient, meaning that the bridge is safe for use but in need of repair; and

(3) The bridge is currently open and carrying vehicular traffic.

In choosing bridges for the Program, the Director of ODOT must confer with the appropriate county or municipal officials. The Program may include embankments, drainage, and other issues related to a bridge that is chosen.<sup>1</sup>

### **Report**

The bill also requires the Director of Transportation to produce a report that includes recommendations for how ODOT can continue to fund the Program through and after the end of FY 2019 using ODOT's current and continued revenue sources. The Director must submit the report within 90 days of the effective date of the bill to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.<sup>2</sup>

### **Repeal of the bill's provisions**

All provisions of the bill are repealed effective July 1, 2019.<sup>3</sup>

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## **COMMENT**

The provisions of this bill were enacted in Sub. H.B. 26 of the 132nd General Assembly (the transportation budget) and were effective as of June 30, 2017.

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## **HISTORY**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Introduced	01-31-17
Reported, S. Transportation, Commerce, & Workforce	03-22-17
Passed Senate (33-0)	03-22-17

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5501.491(A) and (B).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5501.491(C).

<sup>3</sup> Section 2.

