A BILL

To amend Section 387.20 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly to increase the percentage of revenue to the General Revenue Fund distributed to the Local Government Fund and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That Section 387.20 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 387.20. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriation items in Section 387.10 of this act H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly shall be used for the purpose of administering and distributing the designated revenue distribution funds according to the Revised Code. If it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary for this purpose in any appropriation items in Section 387.10 of this act H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

GENERAL REVENUE FUND TRANSFERS
Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, the Director of Budget and Management may transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7081) and the School District Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7047) in the Revenue Distribution Fund Group, those amounts necessary to reimburse local taxing units and school districts under sections 5709.92 and 5709.93 of the Revised Code. Also, in fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, the Director of Budget and Management may make temporary transfers from the General Revenue Fund to ensure sufficient balances in the Local Government Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7081) and the School District Tangible Property Tax Replacement Fund (Fund 7047) and to replenish the General Revenue Fund for such transfers.

PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT - EDUCATION

The foregoing appropriation item 200903, Property Tax Reimbursement - Education, is appropriated to pay for the state's costs incurred because of the homestead exemption, the property tax rollback, and payments required under division (C) of section 5705.2110 of the Revised Code. In cooperation with the Department of Taxation, the Department of Education shall distribute these funds directly to the appropriate school districts of the state, notwithstanding sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, which provide for payment of the homestead exemption and property tax rollback by the Tax Commissioner to the appropriate county treasurer and the subsequent redistribution of these funds to the appropriate local taxing districts by the county auditor.

Upon receipt of these amounts, each school district shall
distribute the amount among the proper funds as if it had been paid as real or tangible personal property taxes. Payments for the costs of administration shall continue to be paid to the county treasurer and county auditor as provided for in sections 319.54, 321.26, and 323.156 of the Revised Code.

Any sums, in addition to the amount specifically appropriated in appropriation item 200903, Property Tax Reimbursement - Education, for the homestead exemption and the property tax rollback payments, and payments required under division (C) of section 5705.2110 of the Revised Code, which are determined to be necessary for these purposes, are hereby appropriated.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK

The foregoing appropriation item 110908, Property Tax Reimbursement - Local Government, is hereby appropriated to pay for the state's costs incurred due to the Homestead Exemption, the Manufactured Home Property Tax Rollback, and the Property Tax Rollback. The Tax Commissioner shall distribute these funds directly to the appropriate local taxing districts, except for school districts, notwithstanding the provisions in sections 321.24 and 323.156 of the Revised Code, which provide for payment of the Homestead Exemption, the Manufactured Home Property Tax Rollback, and Property Tax Rollback by the Tax Commissioner to the appropriate county treasurer and the subsequent redistribution of these funds to the appropriate local taxing districts by the county auditor.

Upon receipt of these amounts, each local taxing district shall distribute the amount among the proper funds as if it had been paid as real property taxes. Payments for the costs of administration shall continue to be paid to the county treasurer...
and county auditor as provided for in sections 319.54, 321.26, and 323.156 of the Revised Code.

Any sums, in addition to the amounts specifically appropriated in appropriation item 110908, Property Tax Allocation - Local Government, for the Homestead Exemption, the Manufactured Home Property Tax Rollback, and the Property Tax Rollback payments, which are determined to be necessary for these purposes, are hereby appropriated.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

Notwithstanding the requirement in division (B) of section 131.51 of the Revised Code that the Director of Budget and Management shall credit to the Public Library Fund one and sixty-six one-hundredths per cent of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund during the preceding month, the Director shall instead calculate these amounts during fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 using one and seven-tenths as the percentage.

In addition to the amounts credited to the Public Library Fund in August of 2019, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer an additional $916,705 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Public Library Fund. This amount shall be distributed from the Public Library Fund in the same manner in August of 2019 as if it were credited in accordance with section 131.51 of the Revised Code.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND

Notwithstanding the requirement in division (A) of section 131.51 of the Revised Code that the Director of Budget and Management shall credit to the Local Government Fund one and sixty-six one-hundredths per cent of the total tax revenue
credited to the General Revenue Fund during the preceding month, the Director shall instead calculate these amounts during fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 using one and sixty-eight one-hundredths as the percentage, and shall calculate these amounts during fiscal year 2021 using three and sixty-six one-hundredths as the percentage.

In addition to the amounts credited to the Local Government Fund in August of 2019, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer an additional $458,352 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Fund. This amount shall be distributed from the Local Government Fund in the same manner in August of 2019 as if it were credited in accordance with section 131.51 of the Revised Code.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REIMBURSEMENTS

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal years 2020 and 2021, any city, local, or exempted village school district that has a nuclear power plant located within its territory shall receive the same payment amount under section 5709.92 of the Revised Code as in fiscal year 2017.

MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

The foregoing appropriation item 110995, Municipal Income Tax, shall be used to make payments to municipal corporations under section 5745.05 of the Revised Code. If it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary to make such payments, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

MUNICIPAL NET PROFIT TAX

The foregoing appropriation item 110902, Municipal Net Profit Tax, shall be used to make payments to municipal corporations under section 718.83 of the Revised Code. If it is
determined that additional amounts are necessary to make such payments, such amounts are hereby appropriated.

During fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021, if the Tax Commissioner determines that there is insufficient cash in the Municipal Net Profit Tax Fund (Fund 5VR0) to meet monthly distribution obligations under section 718.83 of the Revised Code, the Tax Commissioner shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of additional cash necessary to satisfy those obligations. In addition, the Commissioner shall submit a plan to the Director requesting the necessary cash be transferred from one or a combination of the following funds: the Municipal Income Tax Administrative Fund, the Local Sales Tax Administrative Fund, the General School District Income Tax Administrative Fund, the Motor Fuel Tax Administrative Fund, the Property Tax Administrative Fund, or the General Revenue Fund. This plan shall include a proposed repayment schedule to reimburse those funds for any cash transferred in accordance with this section. After receiving the certification and funding plan from the Tax Commissioner and if the Director determines that sufficient cash is available, the Director may transfer the cash to the Municipal Net Profit Tax Fund in accordance with the plan submitted by the Tax Commissioner or as otherwise determined by the Director of Budget and Management. The Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from the Municipal Net Profit Tax Fund to reimburse the funds from which cash was transferred for the purpose outlined in this section.

Section 2. That existing Section 387.20 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is to ensure that payments to political subdivisions can be made in a timely manner. Therefore, this act goes into immediate effect.