



*Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments**

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Education

Removes the contingent appropriation of \$16,000,000 for the Ohio STEM Education Authority.

Moves the Freestore Foodbank Project and its \$500,000 funding from the University of Cincinnati to the Cincinnati State Community College.

Modifies the membership and other provisions concerning the North East Ohio Universities Collaboration and Innovation Study Commission.

Health and Human Services

Replaces a provision barring from appointment to a board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities (MR/DD) an individual who had been employed by the board not less than one calendar year before the individual would begin to serve with a provision barring appointment of a former employee whose employment with the board ceased less than one calendar year before the former employee would begin to serve.

Requires that notice of a vacancy on an MR/DD board be published on at least two separate dates in one or more newspapers serving the county or counties the board serves.

Extends to MR/DD board members a provision specifying that if statutory conditions for entering into direct services contracts are met a former MR/DD board member is not in violation of state ethics law when the board enters into such a contract.

Limits the prohibition against an MR/DD board contracting with an agency whose board includes a county commissioner of the county or counties served by the board to contracts with *nongovernmental* agencies.

* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.

Adds grandparents, aunts, and uncles to the term "immediate family" that is used in state law governing MR/DD boards, including state law (1) that bars an immediate family member of another board member or a board employee from serving on the board, (2) that prohibits a board member from participating in or voting on any matter concerning a contract agency of which an immediate family member is a board member or employee, and (3) that generally prohibits a board from employing an immediate family member of an employee of an agency contracting with the board.

Corrects cross references in Revised Code sections amended or enacted by Sub. H.B. 10 of the 126th General Assembly.

Stipulates that services for individuals with a mental illness and certain co-occurring disorders meet a restriction that funding for services included in a community mental health plan be limited to services for individuals whose focus of treatment or prevention is a mental disorder.

Changes the effective date of the treatment or prevention of a mental disorder funding restriction discussed above and a related provision restricting the Director of Mental Health's authority to certify community mental health services to July 1, 2007 (barring the filing of a referendum petition).

Changes the name of appropriation item CAP-087, Domestic Violence Shelter, to Domestic Violence Center to clarify the intended project.

Moves appropriation item CAP-885, Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau from the Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Mental Health.

Land acquisition/conveyance

Allows ODOT to convey land to heirs and assigns, or successors and assigns, of previous owners as possible grantees of property not needed by ODOT for a highway project.

Makes consistent in certain land conveyance authority the references to the grantee: the Board of Education of the Columbus City School District and its successors and assigns.

Creates new line item CAP-XXX, JFS Facility Land Acquisition Columbiana County, and appropriates \$1,000,000 for this purpose within the Administrative Building Fund (Fund 026).

Cultural facilities and other projects

Eliminates appropriation item CAP-995, Philo Performing Arts Center, in the Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund (Fund 030), and increases appropriation item



CAP-984, Belpre Swimming Pool, in the Ohio Parks and Natural Resources Fund (Fund 031), by \$25,000.

Removes the Fort Recovery Renovation project from Department of Natural Resources appropriation item CAP-748, Local Park Projects, and creates a new appropriation item, CAP-XXX, Fort Recovery Renovations, appropriates \$100,000 to it from the Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund (Fund 030), and increases the fund's debt authorization by the same amount.

Decreases the debt authorization for the Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund (Fund 030) from \$54,000,000 to \$49,000,000 and decreases the debt authorization for the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund (Fund 035) from \$40,500,000 to \$40,000,000 in order to reflect the authorization necessary to cover appropriations made in the bill.

Transfers appropriation item CAP-090, Columbus Children's Hospital Amphitheater, from the Board of Regents in the Higher Education Improvement Fund (Fund 034) to the Cultural Facilities Commission in the Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund (Fund 030), and increases the debt authorization for Fund 030 to cover the addition of the appropriation item.

Adds appropriation item, CAP-041, Cleveland Playhouse, to the Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund (Fund 030), and increases the debt authorization of the fund by \$200,000.

Creates a new appropriation item, CAP-XXX, CSRAB Visitors' Center, appropriates \$747,000 to it from the Administrative Building Fund (Fund 026), and increases the fund's debt authorization by the same amount.

Taxation

Changes terminology in connection with hedging transactions that do not qualify for the proposed commercial activity tax hedging transaction exemption because the transaction involves the transfer of real or tangible personal property to a recipient.

Other

Restores current law with respect to the Ohio Building Authority's control or management of state capital facilities, by requiring that the facilities be those for which OBA is authorized to issue obligations.

Removes the proposed expansion of OBA authority to manage and allocate space in certain state capital facilities it does not own.

Replaces Ohio Government Telecommunications with the Ohio Government Telecommunications *Service* (OGTS) and specifies the duties of OGTS.

Clarifies that the Ohio educational television stations must select a member public television broadcasting station to manage OGTS and OGTS staff, rather than a broadcasting station as specified under current law.

Includes provisions regarding the funding and usage of OGTS services.

Renames the Ohio Government Telecommunications Program Committee as the OGTS Legislative Programming Committee and adds the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives as nonvoting, ex officio members to the current legislative members.

Amends the responsibilities and rule-making authority of the OGTS Legislative Programming Committee.

Clarifies terms in the law regarding the Governmental Television/Telecommunications Operating Fund.

Removes the proposed prohibition against accepting any bid for a state public improvement contract that is greater than \$100,000 unless the submitting contractor has a drug-free workplace policy that meets the standards the Director of Administrative Services establishes by rule.

Removes the proposed exemption from the Prevailing Wage Law for public improvements undertaken by, or under contract for, political subdivisions if the total overall project cost is fairly estimated to be less than \$450,000, as periodically adjusted.

Removes the provision that would modify the membership of the public works integrating committee for District Two (Hamilton County) and decrease the number of affirmative votes required for committee action.

Changes Public Utilities Commission authority to adopt rules regarding motor carrier registration, in anticipation of the January 1, 2007, federal elimination of the Single State Insurance Registration Program (to be replaced by the federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Uniform Carrier Registration Program within the United States Department of Transportation).

Requires the deposit of money the Inspector General receives pursuant to court order or settlement into the General Revenue Fund.

Designates State Route 188, within Fairfield County only, as the "Deputy Ethan Collins Memorial Highway."

Eliminates the proposed extension of the General Assembly Open Meetings Law caucus exemption to include meetings of members of a committee of the House of Representatives who are members of the same political party.

Technical/corrective

Makes technical and corrective changes.

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