



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 482 of the 129th G.A.

Date: March 20, 2012

Status: As Reported by House Finance & Appropriations

Sponsor: Rep. Amstutz

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Makes capital appropriations for the FY 2013-FY 2014 biennium and other changes

This bill makes capital appropriations totaling \$1.74 billion for the FY 2013-FY 2014 biennium. It also makes other changes affecting the operation of state programs. The *Capital Item Analysis* provides summary reports and detailed information on capital appropriations. This fiscal note covers the provisions of the bill other than capital appropriations.

State and Local Fiscal Analysis

Higher Education Improvement Taxable Fund

The bill creates the Higher Education Improvement Taxable Fund to receive the proceeds of obligations issued by the state to pay the costs of capital facilities for state-supported and state-assisted institutions of higher education the interest on which is not exempt from the federal income tax. The bill permits the Director of Budget and Management to transfer appropriations between the existing Higher Education Improvement Fund and the Higher Education Improvement Taxable Fund, as needed, and to create new appropriation items within the Higher Education Improvement Taxable Fund and transfer appropriations to those new items from appropriations made from the Higher Education Improvement Fund.

Allocation of state capital appropriations to state colleges and universities

The bill eliminates the requirement that the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents adopt rules governing the allocation of state capital appropriations to state colleges and universities. This provision may reduce the Board of Regents' administrative burden.

State Taxation, Accounting, and Revenue System (STARS)

The bill authorizes the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), in conjunction with the Department of Taxation, to acquire and implement the State Taxation, Accounting, and Revenue System (STARS) and limits any lease-purchase agreement to finance STARS to \$20.0 million. STARS is an integrated tax collection and

audit system that will replace all of the state's existing separate tax software and administration systems for the various taxes collected by the state.

Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS)

The bill authorizes DAS to update or add functionality to the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) and limits any lease-purchase agreement to finance MARCS to \$90.0 million. MARCS is a statewide computer and communications network that provides instant voice and data communication to public safety law enforcement and first responders.

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