

As Introduced

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S. B. No. 152

Senator Hoagland

A BILL

To enact section 109.47 of the Revised Code to 1
establish the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Task Force 2
in the office of the Attorney General and to 3
make an appropriation. 4

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

Section 1. That section 109.47 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 109.47. (A) As used in this section, "public money," 7
"public office," and "public official" have the same meanings as 8
in section 117.01 of the Revised Code. 9

(B) The fraud, waste, and abuse task force is established 10
in the office of the attorney general. The task force shall 11
investigate the following and, as appropriate, shall refer 12
information to the attorney general or to the appropriate 13
prosecuting attorney: 14

(1) Instances of fraud or attempted fraud committed by 15
public officials involving public money; 16

(2) Instances of unlawful waste or abuse, or attempted 17
unlawful waste or abuse, of public money committed by public 18

officials; 19

(3) Instances of fraud or attempted fraud committed by 20
private persons or entities in applying for or obtaining public 21
funds from this state, such as benefits, grants, or contracts; 22

(4) Instances of unlawful waste or abuse, or attempted 23
unlawful waste or abuse, of public funds obtained from this 24
state committed by private persons or entities. 25

(C) The attorney general shall appoint not more than ten 26
employees of the attorney general to carry out the duties of the 27
task force. 28

(D) Any person may file with the task force a complaint 29
alleging an instance of fraud, waste, or abuse described in 30
division (B) of this section, along with information relative to 31
the complaint. 32

(E) The task force may cooperate with, or refer 33
information to, another agency of this state, another state, or 34
the United States or a political subdivision of this state or 35
another state. This section does not prohibit any other agency 36
or political subdivision of this state from investigating or 37
prosecuting any matter over which it has jurisdiction. 38

(F) When an investigation conducted by the task force 39
leads to an offender being convicted for an offense described in 40
division (B) of this section, the attorney general or the 41
appropriate prosecuting attorney, as applicable, shall certify 42
that fact to the sentencing court before the court imposes a 43
sentence upon the offender for that offense. Upon imposing the 44
sentence, the court shall order that ten per cent of the amount 45
of any restitution the court orders the offender to pay to the 46
state be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the 47

fraud, waste, and abuse task force fund established under 48
division (G) of this section. 49

(G) There is in the state treasury the fraud, waste, and 50
abuse task force fund. The fund shall consist of money paid into 51
the fund under division (F) of this section and any money 52
appropriated to the fund by the general assembly or donated to 53
the fund. The attorney general shall use the money in the fund 54
for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the task force. 55
All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to it. 56

Section 2. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 57
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 58
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 59
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 60
2022 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2023. 61
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 62
any other operating appropriations made for the FY 2022-FY 2023 63
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Section 3. 65

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A			AGO ATTORNEY GENERAL		
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	055438	Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Task Force	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

E TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$3,000,000 \$3,000,000

FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE TASK FORCE 67

The foregoing appropriation item 055438, Fraud, Waste, and 68
Abuse Task Force, shall be used by the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse 69
Task Force established in section 109.47 of the Revised Code for 70
the purposes described in that section. 71

Section 4. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 72
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 73
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 74
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in 75
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 76
from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 77
accounted for as though made in the main operating 78
appropriations act of the 134th General Assembly. The operating 79
appropriations made in this act are subject to all provisions of 80
the main operating appropriations act of the 134th General 81
Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations. 82