

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

1 After line 277675b insert:

2 "GRF 772456 Unmanned Aerial Systems Center \$247,500 \$0"

3 In line 277678, add \$247,500 to fiscal year 2024

4 In line 277684, add \$247,500 to fiscal year 2024

5 After line 277684 insert:

6 **"Section 411. \_\_.** FLYOHIO TETHERED DRONE PILOT PROGRAM

7 The foregoing appropriation item, 772456, Unmanned Aerial  
8 Systems Center, shall be used to administer the FlyOhio Tethered  
9 Drone Pilot Program established under section 759.10 of this  
10 act. Up to three per cent of the funding may be used to pay  
11 administrative and reporting costs of the pilot program.

12 The unexpended, unencumbered portion of appropriation item  
13 772456, Unmanned Aerial Systems Center, remaining at the end of  
14 fiscal year 2024 is hereby reappropriated to appropriation item  
15 772456, Unmanned Aerial Systems Center, for the same purpose in  
16 fiscal year 2025."

17 After line 281559 insert:

18 **"Section 759.10.** FLYOHIO TETHERED DRONES PILOT PROGRAM

19 (A) The Office of Aviation within the Department of  
20 Transportation shall conduct a pilot program to field test the  
21 use of tethered drones over rural campsite areas and urban or  
22 suburban areas to gauge the feasibility and cost-effectiveness  
23 of sharing data collected from these overflights to emergency  
24 responders, public safety professionals, and infrastructure  
25 security professionals.

26 The pilot project shall examine both mobile and permanent  
27 tethered drones, including deployment in all weather and hazard  
28 conditions through the purchase and use of tethered drones by  
29 the Mandel Jewish Community Center in the city of Cleveland at  
30 its main campus site as well as at the Center's campsite at Camp  
31 Wise in Geauga County.

32 (B) The Office of Aviation shall issue a report of its  
33 findings on July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025. Upon submission of  
34 the report on July 1, 2025, the pilot program is abolished.”

35 The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

36 SYNOPSIS

37 **Department of Transportation**

38 **Sections 411.10, 411.20 and 759.10**

39 Restores a provision of the House-passed bill that creates  
40 the FlyOhio Tethered Drones Pilot Project to be administered by  
41 the Office of Aviation within the Department of Transportation

42 to field test the use of tethered drones over rural campsite  
43 areas and urban or suburban areas to test the feasibility and  
44 cost-effectiveness of using these drones to provide data and  
45 information to emergency responders, public safety  
46 professionals, as well as infrastructure security professionals.

47 Appropriates \$247,500 under GRF ALI 772456, Unmanned Aerial  
48 Systems Center, over the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium for the pilot  
49 project, and allows up to three percent of this amount to be  
50 used to pay administrative and reporting costs of the pilot  
51 project.

52 Specifies that the pilot project is to examine both mobile  
53 and permanent tethered drones, including deployment in all  
54 weather and hazard conditions through the purchase and use of  
55 tethered drones by the Mandel Jewish Community Center in the  
56 city of Cleveland at its main campus site as well as at the  
57 Center's campsite at Camp Wise in Geauga County.

58 Requires the Office of Aviation to issue a report of its  
59 findings on July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025, after which the pilot  
60 program is abolished.