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White, Click, Jones, Carfagna, Young, T.**

A BILL

To amend section 4501.29 of the Revised Code to 1
alter the law governing user fees for the Multi- 2
Agency Radio Communications System. 3

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

Section 1. That section 4501.29 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4501.29. (A) The department of administrative 6
services shall collect user fees from participants in the multi- 7
agency radio communications system (MARCS). The director of 8
administrative services, with the advice of the MARCS steering 9
committee and the consent of the director of budget and 10
management, shall determine the amount of the user fees, both 11
for a statewide user and for a local government user of the 12
system that is required to pay user fees, and the manner by 13
which the fees shall be collected. All moneys from user fees 14
shall be deposited in the MARCS administration fund, which is 15
hereby created in the state treasury. All investment earnings on 16
moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund. 17

(B) Not later than the thirty-first day of January of every odd-numbered year, the director of administrative services shall submit user fee information for the upcoming biennium to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. The submission shall include any other information necessary for the general assembly to determine an appropriate MARCS user fee offset amount for local government users. 18
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(C) (1) The general assembly may appropriate funds from the general revenue fund to offset increases in the user fee for local government users of the system, based on the information submitted by the director of administrative services. 26
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(2) The intent of any appropriation of funds in accordance with division (C) (1) of this section is to maintain the MARCS user fee amount for a local government user, as of the effective date of this amendment. 30
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(D) The director of administrative services, the MARCS steering committee, and the director of budget and management shall not enter into any agreement to otherwise raise, lower, or modify the user fees based on the expectation of offsets to those fees for local government users. 34
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Section 2. That existing section 4501.29 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 39
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