Highlights (Property Taxes, Income Taxes, Tax Credits and General Finance)

- Reduces Ohio state income tax to a flat rate of 2.75% starting in Tax Year 2026. This builds on the progress over the last several years that first started in House Bill 66 in 2005 providing significant tax relief for Ohioans. The plan maintains that Ohioans earning less than \$26,050 pay no state income tax. The marginal tax paid on income over \$26,050 begins to reduce (in Tax Year 2025 for those making less than \$100,000 and in Tax Year 2026 for all taxpayers.) Similarly, taxpayers with higher incomes will begin to phase out of eligibility for the joint filer credit and personal, dependent and spousal deductions. As recently as Tax Year 2016 there were 9 tax brackets
- Property Tax relief for Ohioans through an expanded Homestead Exemption
 Program. Increases the reduction amount of the standard property tax homestead
 exemption from \$28K to \$32K while increasing income threshold from \$40K to
 \$42,500. Also increases the enhanced homestead exemptions for disabled veterans
 and surviving spouses from \$56K to \$59K
- Increases from 30% to 50% the threshold of carry-over balance allowed before a
 county budget commission must reduce a school district's property tax collections.
 Further, permits a district to adopt a resolution reserving an amount of carry-over
 balance for current or future permanent improvement expenses to be used within
 the next 3 years that will not count towards the 50% threshold. If not used for this
 purpose within 3 years, the money will be used to reduce property taxes. Also
 restores county prosecutor as member of county budget commission
- Allows a county budget commission to reduce millage on any voter-approved tax levy, aside from a debt levy, if the commission finds it reasonably necessary or prudent to avoid unnecessary, excessive, or unneeded property tax collections
- Requires that current emergency and substitute tax levies be included in the calculation of a school district's 20-mill floor or a joint vocational school district's 2mill floor for property tax purposes
- Makes significant reforms to property tax laws to increase transparency for voters and taxing authorities, generally beginning with elections held on or after January 1, 2026. Eliminates the following types of levies: replacement property tax levy, fixed-sum emergency levy, substitute levy, and combined school district income tax and fixed-sum property tax levy. Prohibits a school district from proposing a current expense levy if it has a general fund carry-over balance over 100%. Requires current

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- expense levy ballot language to include the % and \$ amount of any general fund carry-over balances. Prohibits a school district or other education-related taxing authority from combining a renewal levy with an increase to an existing levy and makes other changes
- Eliminates the proposed debt and bonding structure for the financing of a major sports facility. Instead, a performance grant which will see the state recoup its investment through incremental state tax revenues from sales and use tax, income tax, and CAT occurring within the district. These incremental revenues, as all tax receipts are, will be deposited directly into the GRF benefitting future budgets with increased revenues. If a shortfall occurs, it will be filled by two separate sources -- a \$50.0M interest-bearing escrow (as envisioned by the House) and an additional \$50.0M "line of credit." Funding for this and other qualifying projects will have a perpetual funding mechanism through the escheatment of unclaimed funds that after 10 years without a valid claim, are deemed abandoned. The Division of Unclaimed Funds is appropriated an additional \$1.0M in each FY to reinvigorate the Division's efforts in reuniting Ohioans with any unclaimed funds. The first escheatment will occur on January 1, 2026, \$600.0M of which will be appropriated through the applicable Grant Fund for the Brook Park economic development project. For 10 years, until January 1, 2036, any Ohioan that files a claim will be paid their full unclaimed amount with interest
- Requires school boards to obtain a two-thirds vote of all members to put a tax levy on the ballot
- Investing in Ohio and Ohioans. Doubles the annual Opportunity Zone tax credit cap to \$50M per FY. Sets the annual Film and Theater Production tax credit cap at \$50M per FY. Sets the annual Historic Rehabilitation tax credit cap at \$60M per FY. Increases the Transformation Mixed Use Development (TMUD) tax credit cap to \$150M per FY and makes changes to the award criteria to emphasize projects with local support and projected economic benefit. Requires each of these 4 tax credit programs to be renewed and reauthorized by subsequent General Assemblies to continue

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Additional Provisions (Property Taxes, Income Taxes, Tax Credits and General Finance)

- With the 3rd round of Brownfield Remediation grants approaching, reserves \$1M of Brownfield Remediation funds for each county and directs remaining funds to brownfield projects related to economic development projects
- Removes hourly caps on indigent defense reimbursement
- Establishes, under the Secretary of State's Office, the Ohio Election Integrity
 Commission to take on the duties and responsibilities of the Ohio Elections
 Commission, which is eliminated, enhances the new commission's jurisdiction to
 include certain voting- and petition-related violations, and makes certain changes to
 the Campaign Finance Law
- Requires recipients of state grants to provide status updates on the funds to OBM
- Transfers and appropriates \$20M to the Host Community Cannabis Fund
- Authorizes an income tax refund check-off to assist low-income individuals in spaying and neutering their pets
- Increases state budget transparency by requiring the Controlling Board agenda to be published 10 days before a board meeting
- Tightens Controlling Board's authority to approve spending of additional or excess revenue by limiting the Board to approve up to \$100M of additional spending per FY, per line item
- Requires the OBM Director to report to the Controlling Board within 30 days any cash transfers made from non-GRF funds to the GRF
- Eliminates the General and Specific list for capital projects, requires all capital projects to be released and approved by the Controlling Board
- Requires the creation of a statewide screening system to ensure that the owneroccupied property tax credit and homestead exemptions are properly applied
- Provides additional funding for flood relief efforts in Boardman Township
- Removes provisions regarding changes to the rate of taxation of low alcohol coolers
- Removes provision that established an advisory commission to review and make recommendations about compensation amounts for members of the General Assembly
- Expands the authority to levy a county level cigarette tax for the benefit of an arts and cultural district to include Hamilton County subject to voter approval

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- Authorizes Cuyahoga County to levy, upon voter approval, additional taxes on liquor, alcohol, cigarettes, vapor, and other tobacco products to be distributed equally amongst the major league sports facilities in the county to cover costs associated with their respective facilities
- Returns to Executive provision regarding CAT credits becoming refundable after calendar year 2029
- Exempts an elected official's public calendar entries for any date that occurs after the date of the request
- Modifies how the proceeds of a homeownership savings account may be spent
- Expands a current property tax exemption for parking structures owned by municipal corporations
- Excludes from SERS membership any person who is employed by a private employer that has contracted with a school district
- Modifies the debt-collection law to require the public entity to provide notice to a
 debtor before certifying the debt to the Attorney General's Office for collections as
 well as updates the methods of and timing related to service, certification, and filing
 of a lien
- Requires the Auditor of State to conduct a performance audit of the Ohio Power Siting Board and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
- Redirects an earmark from HB2 of the 135th GA (Capital Budget) for Sheridan Road Multi-Use Trail (revenue neutral)
- Authorizes a limited number of convention and visitors' bureaus with high tourism areas to expend county lodging taxes on, among other things allowed for under current law, public safety services and economic development or infrastructure projects that impact tourism
- Allows the Treasurer of State, for their corporate bond portfolio, to invest in the top four categories of commercial paper, all of which are considered "investment grade"
- Redirects an earmark from HB2 of the 135th GA (Capital Budget) to Whitney Manor (revenue neutral)
- Requires the Organized Crime Commission Distributions fund be used to support the operations of the Retail Theft Task Force
- Requires the Department of Taxation to apply income tax refunds to debts from civil lawsuits if the person owed files an order of garnishment of property

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- Modifies the village dissolution process for small villages by eliminating the acreage maximum
- Keeps current law regarding the 4% discount for timely filing for wholesale distribution of replacement tires
- Redirects earmark from HB 2 of the 135th GA (Capital Budget) to the Lorain County Justice Center (revenue neutral)
- Changes the date by which the Auditor of State is required to submit a performance audit on indigent defense services in Ohio
- Modifies the public records exemption for trial preparation records
- In permanent law, redirects interest from the Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF) to the GRF, instead of being retained to the BSF
- Removes provision that allowed the Attorney General to appoint a special prosecutor for offenses perpetrated in DRC-operated facilities
- Codifies longstanding Supreme Court of Ohio precedent that personal notes are not a "record" under the Public Records Act and extends that non-record exemption to any assistive device or application that is used, maintained, and accessed solely by the individual who creates it or causes its creation
- Clarifies that courts cannot use special projects fund to pay for training or education that occurs outside the state of Ohio
- Returns the payment obligation for acting judges to the locals rather than the Supreme Court
- Reduces the operational budget of the Ohio Senate
- Prohibits future Governors from proposing a budget that carries into the new biennium a GRF cash balance that is greater than the required ending fund balance, excluding any encumbered funds
- Eliminates new tax credit for pregnancy resource center donations
- Redirects interest from numerous funds that currently retain their own interest, instead redirects that interest, in permanent law, to the GRF
- Eliminates the Home School tax credit expansion
- The proposal eliminates a handful of tax credits and tax exemptions (some sales and use tax based and some income tax based.) These provisions will provide additional revenue to the GRF and all state programs and operations supported by the GRF.
 For example: The current sales tax exemption for tangible personal property used in an eligible computer data center is repealed as of October 1, 2025. The income tax

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credit for campaign contributions to members of the general assembly and statewide officials is also repealed as of January 1, 2026

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Highlights (Primary Education)

- The Senate's school funding proposal completes the phase-in of the "Fair School Funding Plan" at the full guarantee, ensuring no district receives less state aid than it received in FY 21. Provides \$633.9M more in funding for education over the biennium. A working formula that maintains the structure of the "Fair School Funding Plan" but includes new considerations for positive enrollment trends and academic performance and progress
- Creates an Education Demonstration Projects fund with \$15.0M GRF. Requires the fund to issue grants for primary education-related demonstration projects and requires DEW to solicit proposals from organizations with a demonstrated record of increased student achievement or improved test results
- Restores language requiring DEW to adopt a universal K-3 diagnostic assessment for math and reading and removes provisions that eliminate the kindergarten readiness assessment. Restores funding for the KRA at \$2.76M each FY
- Provides additional increases to the categorical amounts for the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship, increasing state support by \$3M each FY
- Requires school boards to submit appropriations, revenue and fund balance assumptions contained in the boards' budget for that fiscal year, in additional to three-year projections of operational revenues and expenditures

Additional Provisions (Primary Education)

- Restores Executive language to require schools to report their math core curriculum and instructional materials and removes House language requiring school districts to report causes of student absences by category
- Authorizes the Montgomery County Pupil Transportation Pilot Program to transport students to and from their place of employment in addition to the students' residence
- Requires DEW to identify and make available at no cost to districts or schools a tier one dyslexia screening measure. Further requires districts and schools to use the screening measure beginning in the 2026-2027 school year

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- Requires DEW to create and administer a community school transportation pilot program for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years
- Permits two or more community schools to enter into an agreement to provide or arrange transportation to and from school for students enrolled in participating schools
- Waives qualified immunity for a school district board of education or member if the board or member knowingly instructs the superintendent to violate any provision of the law
- Eliminates the requirement for DEW to publicly release state assessment test questions
- Removes language requiring DEW to collect certain data regarding EdChoice scholarship recipients
- Clarifies the existing law that permits a student athlete who is a victim of bullying or harassment to participate in sports at a different school applies only to homeeducated students
- Reinstates language permitting DEW to collect data from districts and schools on their use of artificial intelligence
- Increases the \$1,000 FY 25 per student facilities payment for Community and STEM schools to \$1,100 in FY 26 and \$1,200 in FY 27
- Removes language that adds completion of 250 hours of work-based learning experience as a foundational option to demonstrate competency, restoring current law high school graduation requirements
- Restores provision requiring DEW to collect school district employment and vacancy data, extends the requirement to community and STEM schools, and requires data to be collected at the state, district and school level to the extent possible
- Establishes a separate special education cost pool for community and STEM schools, and requires DEW to withhold 5% of each school's special education funding to be added to the cost pool
- Modifies a provision regarding religious instruction release time to require districts to permit students at least 33 periods per school year in release time. Further specifies that districts cannot prohibit students from bringing external educational materials into school
- Removes provisions authorizing school boards to contract with a transportation network company (like Uber or Lyft) to transport unaccompanied students

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- Modifies the provision requiring schools adopt a policy banning cell phone use to require cell phone use for monitoring a health concern with a written statement from a student's physician. Further requires school administrators to include a protocol that addresses cell phone use during active threats or emergencies as part of their comprehensive emergency management plan
- Generally restores provisions that revise the involuntary disposition of unused school property law but clarifies when a building is determined to be an unused facility, exempts buildings less than ten years old and requires districts to annually report certain information to DEW
- Requires all public schools districts to provide evidence-based academic intervention services, free of cost, to students who demonstrate a limited level of skill in state assessments in math or English language arts. Makes other changes relative to Math improvement and monitoring plans, Math curricula, instructional materials, and intervention
- **OBM** Requires tech prep expansion grants to be distributed to entities within the seven JobsOhio regions to align with DEWs redesign of tech prep centers
- Eliminates provisions declaring the intent of the General Assembly to purchase St.
 Rita's School for the Deaf and the accompanying GRF associated with the transition of staff
- Requires public schools to provide annual, age-appropriate instruction to K-12 students on the harmful effects of short-term and chronic substance use, and to include bullying and hazing in health education curriculum
- Removes language requiring certain districts that use mass transit systems to transport students to ensure transfers between routes do not occur at the central transfer hub
- Provides GRF funding for Quality Community and Independent STEM schools of \$115M in FY 26 and \$125M in FY 27
- Modifies the extension of the Montgomery County Pupil Transportation Pilot Program to extend the program to FY 26 only
- Removes the ability for OFCC to biannually adjust for inflation the cost threshold for construction projects under the expedited proposal and selection process
- Clarifies that a student may be enrolled in a math course that is two grade levels above the student's current grade level for purposes of automatic enrollment in advanced math placements

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- Provides \$5.6M each FY in support of competitive expansion grants to tech prep consortia
- Reduces the set aside for the administration of state scholarship programs by \$2M each FY
- Returns to the Executive provision requiring schools to report the number of school personnel who have completed Science of Reading training
- Eliminates earmarks for various entities totaling \$2.8M in FY 26 and \$2.4M in FY 27
- Returns to the Executive provision regarding the redesign of Ohio's State Support
 Teams and the requirement that they support state and regional workforce
 development initiatives
- Eliminates \$500K in FY 26 and the requirement for DEW to contract with experts in civics education and social studies to develop an integrated model curriculum
- Restores the Executive provision providing greater flexibility for school districts regarding the development and offering of youth suicide awareness and prevention and child sexual abuse educator in-service trainings
- Removes provisions that would broadly exempt students from the current financial literacy high school graduation requirement
- Removes the requirement for DEW to establish a principal apprenticeship program
- Eliminates the creation of the Career-Technical Planning District Construction Study Committee
- Modifies the provision related to the disposal or demolition of school property to make the public auction permissive, and eliminates the requirement for community or chartered nonpublic schools to pay the school district any profit they receive from a future sale of a property previously purchased from a school district
- Maintains funding of \$1M per FY to support regional training, support, and services
 for students with disabilities, including job exploration counseling and work-based
 learning experiences, but requires the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
 Agency to collaborate with DEW in this effort
- Restores language requiring the industry-recognized credentials committee to establish alternate criteria for credentials, other than a point value system, under which a student may qualify for a high school diploma
- Removes a provision requiring school districts to provide excused absences for high school students to attend private driver education courses

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•	Restores language requiring high school graduation plans to include post-graduation
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Highlights (Higher Education)

- Establishes a one-time \$100M set-aside in State Share of Instruction to ensure 4-year state institution's compliance with Senate Bill1 of the 136th GA
- Increases the GRF supplement to Shawnee State by \$2.73M in FY26 and by \$2.452M in FY27 so that Shawnee State may maintain lower tuition rates
- Removes House "student success" set-aside related to Pell and the 90-hour accelerated degree set-aside, totaling 10%
- Modifies the House 3% tuition cap for state universities for incoming freshman classes and allows the increase to be no more than 4%, which is still below the estimated formula amount
- Removes House provision establishing the Accelerated College and Career Pathways program and corresponding set-aside in SSI formula
- Increases the amount that each community college is permitted to increase its instate instructional and general fees to \$10 per credit hour more than charged in the previous academic year
- Increases State Share of Instruction by 1% over Executive version each FY and also increases the line by an additional \$17.5M each FY and earmarks that amount to be distributed to the five civics centers
- Removes House provisions placing contingencies on private institutions' participation in the Governor's Merit Scholarship
- Changes eligibility for Governor's Merit Scholarship for classes not already awarded 1st year scholarship or incoming freshman class to the top 2% of each graduating class and establishes requirement that recipients of scholarship must stay in Ohio for three years after graduation or repay scholarship funds

Additional Provisions (Higher Education)

- Permits the Chancellor to use data already submitted to the Higher Education Information System for institutions to fulfill reporting requirements
- Requires each University with a Civics center to provide adequate and appropriate space for its Civics Center, prohibits the university from assessing overhead fees or

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- expenses to the center, and eliminates the requirement that the director must consult with the Dean
- Eliminates \$14.0M earmark for Miami's Ohio Institute for Quantum Computing Research, Talent, and Commercialization
- Removes provisions that require the Chancellor to consult with the directors of the 5 centers to evaluate how the centers can be leveraged for the entire state
- Replaces Executive and House provisions regarding institutions contracting with online program managers and establishes requirements institutions must follow when doing so
- Decreases supplement for OSU vet school to \$7.5M per FY and specifies that the supplement is to be used only to increase student enrollment
- Decreases Capital Component in each FY and restores current law regarding phase out of capital component so that it will be phased out by the end of FY 29 as originally planned
- Establishes procedure for a state institution to grant an exemption from the American civic literacy course requirement
- Appropriates \$10M in FY26 for Super RAPIDS to strengthen education and training opportunities throughout the state and transfers \$10M from Super RAPIDS fund to the GRF
- Eliminates FAFSA Support Teams line item and requirement that Chancellor administer them
- Decreases the Broadcast Educational Media Commission line for Content
 Development, Acquisition, and Distribution by \$500K in FY26 and by \$1M in FY27 for public television, radio, and radio reading services
- Requires the Chancellor to serve indefinitely as the records custodian for EGCC
- Eliminates Talent Ready Grant Program with appropriations of \$10.0M each FY and the cash transfer to the fund to support the program
- Reduces UNESCO World Heritage sites line item by \$1.26M in FY26 and by \$102K in FY27
- Expands the criteria for determining when to review and declare that a state university is under fiscal caution and the items an institution must submit as part of its financial recovery plan
- Remove House provision establishing a curricular approval process
- Removes Executive provision establishing the Ohio Tech Talent Initiative

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- Revises provision regarding the Strategic Square Footage Reduction Fund requiring any net proceeds to be credited to the fund instead of anywhere in the state treasury
- Eliminates Co-op Internship program line and appropriations totaling \$1.065M in each FY
- Creates the Ohio Civics Board consisting of the directors of the 5 civics centers and establishes requirements of the Board
- Eliminates Executive provisions for Ohio History Connection regarding American Indian Burial sites
- Removes House and Executive provisions regarding the Higher Education Institution program that exempt certain documents submitted to the Chancellor from public records requests
- Revises Guaranteed Admission provision such that each graduate in the top 5% of a high school graduating class—not just a recipient of the Governor's Merit Scholarship—is guaranteed admission
- Eliminates House earmark of \$1M each FY to be allocated to the Ohio Council for Home Care and Hospice to establish the Home Care and Hospice Workforce Program
- Eliminates House earmarks for numerous programs in the Program and Project Support line

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Highlights (Government Oversight and Reform)

- Establishes the Residential Development Revolving Loan Program with a \$90M cash infusion to fund housing infrastructure development in rural areas.
- Restores the Ohio Housing Trust Fund to its current method of distribution
- Moves the Ohio Housing Finance Agency under the Ohio Department of Development, eliminates the Agency's Board of Directors, and vests appointment authority of the Agency's Executive Director with the Director of Development
- Adjusts DRC GRF line items to address staffing and operational needs, increasing Institutional Operations by \$25M over the biennium (revenue neutral)
- Establishes the Residential Economic Development District Grant Program with \$9M GRF to provide grants to political subdivisions that adopt pro-housing policies related to large-scale workforce housing

Additional Provisions (Government Oversight and Reform)

- Requires the legislative authority of a political subdivision to adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards the political subdivision's data and makes other changes
- Codifies existing Guaranteed Asset Protection and Excess Wear and Use waivers for automotive transactions
- Removes a federally impermissible earmark of broadband funds
- Modifies the Welcome Home Ohio tax credit criteria to increase the marketability of the credits
- Maintains current law on county Family and Children First councils
- Appropriates \$750K each FY for the Center on Appalachian Innovation at Marietta College (non GRF)
- **OBM** Rolls over unexpended funds in the Veterans Home Modernization line item to the next biennium
- Makes a change in the calculations for ambulance reimbursement by health plan insurers
- Requires a county sheriff to provide their successor with certain documentation in order to ensure smooth transitions

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- Exempts regional transit authorities from the bill's eminent domain restrictions which maintains current law for RTAs, while maintaining bill's provisions for other subdivisions
- Sets the signature threshold for township zoning referendums at 35%
- Modifies proposed changes to health care provider payments by clarifying that health plans are not responsible for reporting fees charged by a third party and prohibiting health plans from charging a fee for electronic or check transactions
- Allows cities and townships to increase resort area taxes up to 2.5% subject to voter approval (currently taxes up to 1.5% cap are enacted without voter approval)
- Allows a board of commissioners, inside a designated resort area, to increase their lodging tax by 1% for public safety needs
- Restores the EXEC proposed transfer to Tourism Ohio fund
- Removes provisions permitting public authorities to enter into integrated project delivery contracts for capital projects
- Maintains current law regarding PBM regulation
- Authorizes alternative financing options for automotive transactions, providing consumers flexibility
- Maintains current law regarding reimbursement for anesthesia services
- Removes provisions that would have limited where halfway houses are able to be located
- Removes provisions regarding earned wage access services
- Removes changes to the juvenile bindover process, maintaining existing law
- OBM Allows the existing Department of Commerce Financial Literacy Education Program to provide education to minors as well as adults
- Clarifies that funds retained as part of a public works contract be released within 30 days of final completion of the project
- Continues the current scoring process for applications to the Residential Broadband Expansion Program
- Maintains House appropriation levels for the Public Library Fund (PLF) instead of a percentage of state tax receipts, but shifts various GRF library appropriations for the State Library Board and OPLIN to also be financed by the PLF
- Maintains current law surrounding mechanic's liens and notices of commencement
- Removes an analytics pilot program that is duplicative of ongoing DRC efforts
- Removes changes to DRC public record policy

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Highlights (Agriculture and Natural Resources)

- Retains House increase from 40c to 60c on Next Gen 911 and revises the access fee distribution: 81.33% to the 9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund, 0.67% to the 9-1-1 Administrative Fund, 1.33% to the 9-1-1 Program Fund, and 16.67% to the Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund, ensuring local entities receive the 20c increase for their operations and the state keeps the current amount they receive
- Relative to purchasing land or conservation easements, changes the proposal to limit ODNR to a maximum expenditure of \$2.5M per FY from H2Ohio dollars
- H2Ohio Funding: Maintains House overall funding amount for H2Ohio but increases Department of Agriculture to \$46.1M per FY, reduces DNR to \$21.2 per FY and reduces EPA to \$7.5M per FY
- Increases the allocation small villages and townships receive from the State Capital Improvement Program from 10% to 12%. Requires that up to \$10M in FY26 be used for projects for townships with populations of less than 5,000
- Restores current law and fee structure regarding amusement ride fees
- Removes provisions in the bill on E15 ethanol program and the corresponding earmark
- Increase from \$15 to \$20 the general certificate of title fee if the County Commissioners vote via resolution to allow the increase
- Increases from \$5 to \$8 the service fee charged by the BMV/Deputy Registrars and allocates those dollars to the Deputy Registrars for in person transactions and to the State Highway Patrol if done online
- Authorizes issuance of a hazardous materials endorsement for a CDL driver who is 18 to 20 years old, provided the driver only transports hazardous materials within Ohio and the driver meets all other federal and state requirements
- Increases multiple line items in the Department of Agriculture to assist with ongoing bird flu concerns for Animal Health Programs and Poultry Inspection by a total of \$2.5M over the biennium (GRF)
- Updates several sections of the ORC dealing with motor vehicle franchisors and franchisees including timing of franchisors paying for parts and labor used to diagnose warranty and recall issues and other related provisions, exempts RV-only franchisors and franchisees

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Additional Provisions (Agriculture and Natural Resources)

- OBM Removes provision that eliminates requirements that third-party dredge operators hired to dredge state waterways from having any certification, license, or registration
- OBM Restores executive version on new fees for both Title V and synthetic minor permit holders
- Reverts back to current law on DAS procurement process
- Restores current law regarding notice of open meetings for public bodies by removing changes impacting how a reasonable method of providing notice is accomplished, specifying that advance notice of a meeting may be done by email to all email-list subscribers, and regarding use of self-addressed, stamped envelopes provided by a person requesting advanced notice
- Ensures that dollars used for Statewide Emergency Services Protocol Network
 Program are not for marketing
- Removes provisions regarding the Expedited Ohio credential under the BMV
- Restores current law regarding the existing disability leave program
- Reduces GRF to State Agency Support Services, by \$1,811,000 in each FY
- Removes provision from executive version on the disposal of surplus or excess supplies
- Retains current law regarding the purchase of software contracts by the state
- Restores current law regarding custodial funds and active deposits in the Board of Deposit
- Restores current law regarding financial transaction devices in the Board of Deposit
- Removes executive version regarding qualifications/exams of fire bosses, shot firers, and forepersons of surface maintenance facilities
- Makes multiple changes to state employee work location language by codifying most of the Governor's executive order and eliminates unnecessary reporting requirements
- For the purposes of the annual maintenance assessment levied by a conservancy district, eliminates the \$2 minimum annual maintenance assessment on the total appraisal of benefits on a property, but retains the 1% maximum of the total appraisal of benefits on a property

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- Revises conditions to allow for a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) by eliminating that the municipal corporation in which the DORA is located must have been incorporated as a village before 1880
- Requires drivers to move over or slow down when passing a stopped vehicle in distress. Makes the offense a minor misdemeanor. Specifies that the offense does not constitute a criminal record
- Restores current law relative to the % of oil and gas severance taxes to the Geological Mapping Fund and the Oil and Gas Well Fund
- Requires the standard oil and gas lease used by state agencies to include a shut-in provision, which is a lease term that allows the lessee to maintain the lease by making specified "shut-in" royalty payments on a well even if well production is halted
- Maintain current law regarding the board of park commissioners of a park district
- Mandates that there will be no cost for a permit for a person to remove ice from their property on water that is owned by the State
- Restores current law regarding fees and registration to withdraw waters of the state
- Allows the Oil and Gas Commission to decide an appeal, in whole or in part, from an order of the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management without a hearing when the Commission decides it is appropriate to do so
- Restores current law on public water supply system fees
- Requires ODNR to enter into a contract with municipal corporations and townships
 to reimburse them if ODNR does not provide the services: 1. Emergency response
 services; 2. Garbage and debris removal services; 3. Snow removal services; and 4.
 Any other service if ODNR requests a local government to provide it
- **OBM** Clarification language for non-resident landowners being exempt from also needing hunting permits for deer or turkey
- Modifies and clarifies provisions regarding the Pork Marketing Program
- Reduces GRF in DAS State IT Services, by \$3M in FY27
- OBM Clarification language on veterans being exempt from paying certain vehicle registration fees at BMV
- Modifies and revises definitions of "wild boar" and "feral swine"
- Provides that agricultural land converted to certain conservation uses is not subject to property tax recoupment charges until the land is no longer used for conservation purposes. The property must be acquired by a conservation organization and qualify

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for tax exemption because of its use for an environmental response project or a nature water project that receives funding from H2Ohio

- Restores current law regarding the regulation of small egg producers
- Restores current law regarding apiary law
- Removes executive provision regarding the diesel emission reduction grant program
- Eliminates Ohio Proud in the Department of Agriculture and reduces appropriations by \$189K in FY26 and \$208K in FY27
- Eliminates ODOT audit provisions from Transportation Budget and returns to current law
- Requires ODOT to collect and analyze data on building permits for residential and commercial developments (constructed after the bill's effective date) to assess if ODOT's current facilities can keep up with traffic demand
- Updates name of organization for license plate contributions from the Ohio Natural Energy Foundation license plate, which under previous law were required to be paid to the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Foundation and the Ohio Natural Energy Institute, to the Ohio Natural Energy Foundation (which is the name of the organization required to receive the contributions under current law)
- Maintains current law with respect to the state paying for a sworn officer's criminal representation
- Eliminates appropriations of \$2M in FY26 and \$6M in FY27 to GRF Water Systems
 Cybersecurity Grants
- Provides \$250K each FY (non GRF) for the RTIP Regional Transportation
 Improvement Plan along Route 30 in Stark, Carroll and Columbiana counties
- Increases the number of members appointed to the Ohio Rail Development
 Commission by the Governor who represent the interest of freight rail companies
 from one to two. Specifies that member must represent a Class I railroad and the
 other member must represent a Class II or Class III railroad. Removes a member
 appointed by the Governor who represents the interests of passenger rail service
- Modifies the membership of the RTIP governing board to make the inclusion of the CEO of the JobsOhio network partner that covers the majority of the area encompassed by the RTIP or the CEO's designee optional, rather than mandatory
- Allows the applicant for a motor vehicle certificate of title to use the last four digits
 of the applicant's social security number if the application is for either: a salvage

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- certificate for an owner-retained vehicle; or a transfer of title to an insurance company or a nonprofit corporation
- Clarifies, through express authorization, a decades-old practice that port authorities
 may establish a common bond fund program to finance port authority facilities and
 enhance the credit of port authority obligations using credit enhancement facilities,
 cash reserves, or other money available for that purpose
- Expands who may report a driver or owner of a motor vehicle involved in an accident to include any person involved in the accident, as opposed to only the drivers of the vehicles involved in the accident
- Modifies the ODOT/OTIC joint plan regarding the feasibility of connecting U.S. Route 23 and I-71 that was enacted through the Transportation Budget and extends the deadline for the final joint plan to October 1, 2026
- Reduces two earmarks to Justice Program Services by \$1.2M regarding hearing protection equipment
- Removes \$75K dedicated for the Ohio Mortuary Operational Response Team in Montgomery County
- Requires fees collected from initial transfer or registration online be deposited in the Highway Purposes Fund, rather than split between the deputy registrars and highway purposes fund
- Requires that the biological sex of a person be displayed on the person's commercial driver's license, driver's license, or state identification card
- Removes the requirement that the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services establish procedures by which certain first responders may designate themselves as "retired" in the Board's records
- Increases GRF Security Grants, by \$300K in FY26 and dedicates the increase to chartered nonpublic schools for school resource officer or special duty officer programs, with preference given to institutions that can show a high risk of terror attack
- Removes provisions regarding the proposed expansion of specialty license plates by BMV
- Changes GRF appropriation to better account for one-time expenditures for the Rail Development Commission and the Step 2 Service Development Midwest Connect Rail line

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- Removes provisions that Adopts the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact and creates the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission and eliminates \$25K
- Adds the President of the Ohio Automobile Dealers Association, or a representative, to the Automated Title Processing Board. Adds a third clerk of court of the common pleas, appointed by the Governor, to the Board
- Makes certain exemptions for trailers exclusively used to transport a single boat
- Restores current law on which entity pays the costs related to vehicles towed by law enforcement
- Provides that the prohibition against the regulation of broadband internet access service does not restrict a locality from their ability to access a public right of way.
 Eliminates the prohibition against a political subdivision enacting a law or regulation governing the entry of any broadband internet access service
- Reverts back to DEV control and operation regarding programs for low income riders
- Restores current law regarding scope of environmental health specialists practice
- Removes provisions regarding community air monitoring
- Requires the Ohio EPA Director to remove any air nuisance rule from the federally required national ambient air quality standards state implementation plan. Prohibits the Ohio EPA Director from including an air nuisance rule in the state implementation plan
- Makes minor technical wording changes to HB 15 regarding allowing an EDU to supply behind the meter generation service if they applied prior to March 31, 2025
- Clarifies a provision in HB 15 relating to the TPP tax assessment rate for a rural electric company's or energy company's new, repowered, or converted taxable production and new energy conversion equipment
- Makes clarifying change to HB 15 that no electric utility shall provide in this state, either directly or through an affiliate, a competitive retail electric service if that service was deemed competitive or otherwise legally classified as competitive prior to the effective date of this section
- Clarification language to HB 15 to fully exempt municipal owned power entities from Heat Map requirement
- Adapts the scrap tire fee provision to sunset the 50c fee for EPA and the 50c fee for Agriculture in 2028, changing the Agriculture fee sunset from 2041 to 2028
- Removes provisions regarding emergency management compact immunity
- Removes House provision regarding Title V and synthetic minor adjacent facilities

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- Allows state employees to keep jury duty compensation rather than returning minimal amounts of those payments to their respective state agencies, bringing the jury-duty and poll-worker leave statutes in alignment, as well as makes technical corrections to erroneous cross-references in the poll-worker leave statute
- Retains current law regarding the civil action procedures and timelines for the Civil Rights Commission and AG's office
- Eliminates a position on the Ohio Environmental Education Fund Advisory Council for a member of the Senate. Removes from the bill a provision that abolishes the Joint Committee to Examine the Activities of the State's Protection and Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program. Abolishes the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support
- Reduces GRF for County Agricultural Societies, by \$500K in FY26. Removes the FY26 earmark of \$500K for the Mercer County Fairgrounds Grand Events Center
- Decreases allocations for Ohio Expo Center by \$800K in each FY
- Changes funding source for these state Lakes: Lake Loramie Watershed at \$250K each FY, Grand Lake Saint Mary's at \$172K in FY 26 and Indian Lake at \$250K in FY 26 to the operating line of the Department of Natural resources
- Restores current law regarding captive cervid licensing
- Reverts all pesticide laws to current law
- Eliminates \$150K in each FY for Canalway Partners to support the 2027 bicentennial recognition of the Ohio & Erie Canal
- Transfers \$15M from Broadband Pole Replacement fund to the GRF
- Reduces appropriations in the Division of Forestry by \$216K in FY26 and by \$437K in FY27
- Redirect of \$350K of capital funds from last capital budget for the Dover Riverfront Trailhead Connector to Dover Riverfront Park Improvements (revenue neutral)
- Reduces GRF Airport Improvements by \$7M in FY26 and \$5M in FY27. Eliminates a \$5M earmark in each fiscal year for Airport Infrastructure and Grant Program. Eliminates a \$2M earmark in FY26 for Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Commission
- Reduces State Hazard Mitigation by \$1M per FY
- Capital budget redirect of \$750K for the Scranton Trail Project on the Shoreway Connector Project (revenue neutral)
- Removes provisions that expanded the RTIP model outside of NE Ohio
- Restores current law on EV charging stations

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- Restores current law on driver training requirements for those 18 and under rather than 21 and under
- Phases out the Healthy Lake Erie program and reduces appropriations of \$482K in FY26 and \$939K in FY27
- Restores All Ohio Future Fund operating language without adding additional funds to ensure that existing projects adhere to program guidelines
- Reduces Division of Water Resources in DNR by \$350K in FY26 and \$400K in FY27
- Removes provisions that require the DNR Director to determine each DNR division's payments into the Program Support Fund
- Removes the bill's provisions regarding the Ohio Airport Improvement Program
- Transfers \$15M from Rail Safety Crossing to GRF
- Reduces e-Warrant Local Integration, by \$1M in each fiscal year. Removes transfer of \$4.0M from the GRF to the e-Warrant Local Integration Fund
- Removes provisions of temporary law that reappropriates the unexpended, unencumbered balance of GRF in Security Grants, at the end of FY25 and FY26 to FY26 and FY27, respectively, for the same purpose
- Maintains the House diversion of \$250M from the All Ohio Future Fund (for Brownfield Remediation) and transfers an additional \$250M for Housing and other initiatives to the GRF
- Transfers \$20.0M from the Pre-Securitization Tobacco Payments Fund to the GRF

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Highlights (Health and Medicaid)

- Requires the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) to purchase 3D diagnostic ultrasound machines and provide them through a grant program to certain Ohio entities. This initiative is funded at \$2.5M each FY to provide the necessary equipment
- Earmarks \$1.2M in FY 2026 and \$200K in FY 2027 to administer the Parkinson's disease registry and the stroke registry database at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
- Requires the Ohio Department (ODM) of Medicaid to evaluate Medicare application requirements and review state policies and procedures related to patients who are 65 years of age or younger that have end stage renal disease. Also requires ODM to identify Medicare eligibility gaps and to submit a report to the General Assembly
- Restores the 340B drug provisions, at the same time exempting Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Implements a 1% reduction in FY 26 and 1.5% reduction in FY 27 to Medicaid State GRF line. This will require ODM to create more efficiencies and lower the administrative costs for operations and the delivery of Medicaid services to Ohioans
- Increases funding for Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Program, by \$1.0M each FY
- Modifies the hospital tax pilot program to include critical access hospitals and rural hospitals and renames the program the Rural Ohio Hospital Tax Pilot Program, this will expand the number of eligible hospital systems in the rural areas
- Provides \$20M, under DCYs Commission on Fatherhood, to promote responsible fatherhood, through the development and implementation of the Responsible Fatherhood Initiative and awarding grants to nonprofit community-based organization to provide support to fathers
- Allocates \$5.0M in FY 26 for the Statewide Children's Vision coordinated by the Ohio Optometrists Association, doubling the funding available in the current biennium
- Restores the Medicaid Program Support line under ODJFS by \$5.0M each FY. Allows up to \$5.0M each FY to be distributed based on performance criteria established by ODM, including criteria regarding timeliness and accuracy of application and renewal processing
- Imposes reporting requirements on nonprofit hospitals participating in the 340B
 Drug Pricing Program

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- Modifies a provision to require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS), instead of ODM, to publish on its web site the directory of all residential facilities licensed by MHAS
- Requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to conduct an analysis of the public assistance programs it administers to identify opportunities to prioritize employment, help recipients obtain meaningful employment, and meet local workforce needs
- Provides the authority for the State Directed Payments (SDP) program as proposed by the Executive budget to move forward with some restrictions
- Requires ODJFS to update the systems used to determine eligibility for public assistance benefits, which must allow information input by individual caseworkers to be tracked and audited

Additional Provisions (Health and Medicaid)

- Eliminates a provision that would have increased the Medicaid personal needs allowance increase to \$75 (from \$50) for individuals and \$150 (from \$100) for married couples
- OBM Restores current law provisions that include a total payments cap on private room conversions. Also removes reporting of private room data
- Increases the Behavioral Health Care fund by \$750K in FY 2026. Earmarks funds for Empowering to Elevate Academy to enhance security, improve facilities, and deliver services at the former Mohican Young Star Academy in Ashland County
- Establishes the Ohio Special Initiatives by Brothers and Sisters, with and appropriation of \$50K in FY 26 to support a sibling with a developmental disability
- Removes a provision that would have required a household receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) benefits to report changes in circumstances, as well as prohibited ODJFS from implementing simplified or quarterly reporting procedures
- Removes a provision prohibiting an ADAMHS board from refusing to contract with a
 hospital that is in the board's service district if the hospital is in good standing MHAS
 and is willing to accept the board's contract terms

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- Removes a provision that would have required the ODJFS to seek a waiver from USDA to exclude sugar-sweetened beverages as items that may be purchased under SNAP
- Eliminates a provision that prohibits the ODH from adopting rules requiring a soil evaluator or soil scientist to evaluate the soil type and slope with respect to a household sewage treatment system
- Modifies a House provision to permit the High-THC Cannabis Impact Research Study to partner with a public safety agency to conduct the study, in addition to a public university or research consortium. Requires the study to examine the relationship between cannabis use and completed suicides, cannabis use disorder, and IQ loss. Also requires the study to examine disproportionate impacts of cannabis use on pregnant women and unborn children. Finally, removes cannabis industry representatives from the list of potential collaborators and adds the Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and children's hospitals
- Increases funding by \$1.0M each FY for the GRIT Program
- Increases by \$750K each FY for Cornerstone of Hope to launch and expand the Ohio Traumatic Loss Response Team
- Reduces the Program Support and Operations line under MHAS by \$985K in FY 26 and \$1.1M in FY 27
- Reduces the Hospital Services line under MHAS by \$454K in FY 2026 and \$525K in FY 2027.
- Provides \$200K in FY 26 (GRF) to the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging for services for disadvantaged seniors
- Provides \$400K each FY, in TANF, to the Southside Life Station Food Pantry in Toledo
- Eliminate the \$15M in FY 26 to establish and sustain health information systems under MHAS
- Removes Executive and House allocations for the Targeting Addiction Assistance
 Fund and redirects those to a variety of initiatives related to opioids and drug
 intervention as well as additional funding for the State of Ohio Action Resiliency
 Network SOARN
- Provides an additional \$100K over the biennium to the Brain Injury Association of Ohio
- Decreases the Chronic Disease, Injury Prevention, and Drug Overdose line under ODH by \$2.2M each year

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- Reduces the Prevention and Wellness line under MHAS by \$2.1M each FY.
 Eliminates the earmark requiring up to \$2.1M each FY to be used to increase access to early identification and prevention of behavioral health disorders across the lifespan
- Decreases the Public Health Technology Innovation line under ODH by \$500K each FY
- Clarifies that the coroner or medical examiner certifies the cause of death when a
 decedent dies because of criminal or other violent means, while an attending
 physician certifies the cause of death in all other circumstances
- Remove a provision that would have specified that ODM must allow individuals to enroll in the Medicaid MCO plan of their choosing and required ODM to randomly assign an individual to a plan
- Reduces the Part C Early Intervention line under DCY by \$621K in FY 2026 and \$696K in FY 2027
- For Bureau of Workers' Compensation purposes, makes personnel rendering intrastate mutual assistance or aid outside their respective political subdivisions employees of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency
- Allows the State Medical Board to issue summary suspensions against its license holders. Specifically, the summary suspension is not a final appealable order and is not an adjudication that may be appealed under the Administrative Procedure Act
- Revises the statutes governing certified mental health assistants to correspond with recently enacted changes to the statutes governing other professions under the Medical Board's jurisdiction
- Prohibits a court or other person from ordering a medical practitioner, or a medical practitioner from otherwise being required, to perform any medical procedure that is inconsistent with the practitioner's expert medical opinion
- Provides \$250K each FY, from TANF, to the Country Neighbor Program
- Prohibits a school district board of education from paying employee contributions to STRS on behalf of a superintendent employed by the school district or to SERS on behalf of a treasurer employed by the school district
- Exempts Vista Village from bidding requirements relating to the form of bids and publishing notice of bids, under the MHAS community support line
- Modifies a House provision to include services provided under Medicaid waiver components administered by the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), as well as OhioRISE

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- Removes provisions that would have established duties and requirements on establishing an electronic visit verification system under ODM
- Requires four appointed members of the General Assembly, in collaboration with specified stakeholders, to develop a System Efficiency and Sustainability Plan for Ohio's developmental disability service system
- Reduces the Family Assistance line under ODJFS by \$3.2M each FY
- Removes a provision that limited Medicaid coverage of doula services
- To the extent permissible under federal law, requires ODM to conduct eligibility redeterminations for members of Medicaid Group VIII every six months
- Requires ODM to submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly detailing the hospital presumptive eligibility error rate for the previous quarter
- Eliminates the Children's Dental Services program appropriation of \$3.0M each FY and the establishment of the program, under ODH
- Removes provisions that would have required participants the choice to enroll in Medicare coordination only dual special needs plans and approve contracts with entities not selected to participate in the Integrated Care Delivery System (ICDS), known as MyCare Ohio, successor
- Prohibits an ambulatory surgical facility or medical practice owned or operated by a
 hospital or hospital system from charging a facility fee in connection with any health
 care procedure or service provided to a patient at the facility or practice, but only if
 the facility or practice was owned or operated solely by physicians at the time of its
 purchase by the hospital or system
- Modifies a provision, added in the Executive version, authorizing a mechanism for non-state retirement plans to withhold income taxes from a retiree's benefits
- Abolishes the Rare Disease Advisory Council effective 12/31/25 and requires a final report to the General Assembly
- Requires state agencies to inform the Senate President and House Speaker about federal noncompliance notices and federal funding reductions
- Requires ODJFS to submit a copy of any public assistance waiver or state plan amendment at least 30 days before submission to GA
- Removes provision that requires a hospital with a maternity unit and that accepts
 Medicaid to enter into a transfer agreement with any freestanding birthing center
 located within a 30-mile radius that requests one

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- Removes provisions that would have required ODM to submit a waiver request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to eliminate mandatory Medicaid hospital presumptive eligibility and limit presumptive eligibility determinations to only pregnant women and children
- Removes a provision that would have required that \$20K of an individual's unearned income be disregarded when determining eligibility for the Medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities program or the Ohio WorkAbility program
- Modifies existing reporting by ODM on fraud, waste, and abuse within the Medicaid program by requiring data concerning improper payments and expenditures in the Medicaid program related to fraud, waste, and abuse for the most recently concluded state fiscal year
- Requires reporting by ODJFS to include the number of SNAP accounts with whole dollar transactions, EBT cards reported lost and stolen, and the amount of funds that have been stolen through card skimming, card cloning, and similar fraudulent methods
- Decreases the Family and Children Services line under DCY by \$20M in FY 2026 and \$10M in FY 2027 for the establishment of regional child wellness campuses and an allocation within this earmark of \$350K in FY 2026 for the Providence House Every Child Ohio Feasibility Study to identify the most viable Ohio communities with the capacity to sustainably operate a children's crisis care facility
- Ohio Department of Medicaid must first provide notice to GA when pursuing a state plan amendment or a waiver pursuant to section 1115 or 1915 of the social security act that would expand coverage to any additional individuals or class of individuals or would increase any net cost to the state
- OBM Permits ODJFS to grant discretionary exemptions for federal compliance purposes only for governing SNAP
- Removes a provision that would have required any new State Directed Payment (SDP) to be approved by the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC) before it is established
- Increases slightly the FY 26 Medicaid appropriations and reduces the FY 27 Medicaid appropriations due to differing caseload assumption presented to the Senate Finance Committee

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- Removes a provision that would have required ODM, beginning on October 1, 2025, and every six months thereafter, to share specified information files from the immediately preceding six-month period with the JMOC contracted actuary
- Removes a provision that would have required ODM to submit a report to JMOC and the JMOC Executive Director on September 1 of each year that provides specified details about state agencies' budgeted, actual, and forecasted number of full-time equivalent employees and related expenditures
- Removes provisions that would have Required ODM not later than 30 days after the bill's effective date, to begin utilizing third-party data sources and systems to conduct eligibility change in circumstances checks for all Medicaid recipients at least quarterly
- Decreases the Health Program Support line under ODH by \$250K in FY 2026.
 Removes \$250K earmark for fellowship stipends at Dayton Children's Hospital for pediatric therapy students
- Decreases the Health Program Support line under ODH by \$100K each FY. Removes an earmark for Memorial Hospital for the Mid-Ohio Cardiovascular Health Improvement Initiative
- Reduces Community Innovations line under MHAS by \$5.1M in FY 2026 and \$125K in FY 2027 and removes earmark of \$125K each FY for the Pilot Grant Program for Doctoral Psychology Internships
- Removes a provision that would have required ODM to conduct an annual financial audit of each Medicaid MCO and submit a report to the General Assembly and JMOC concerning these audits
- Decreases by \$7.5M each FY for the Health Program Support line under ODH. And decreases an earmark for school-based health centers by the same amount
- Removes a provision requiring ODM to establish a Medicaid waiver component to provide reentry services and prescription medication to Medicaid-eligible inmates who are within 90 days of release
- Removes a provision that would have required the ODM Director to immediately provide notice if CMS takes certain actions related to the Quarterly Medicaid Statement of Expenditures Form (CMS-64 Form) submitted by ODM
- Decreases the Strong Families Strong Communities line under DCY by \$1.6M each FY.
 Decreases an earmark by the same amount for community projects that focus on support for families, assisting families in avoiding crisis, and crisis intervention

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- Remove the \$1.5M earmark for La Soupe under the ODJFS Program Support line
- Reduces the Children and Youth Program Management line under DCY by \$1.0M in FY 2026 and \$1.2M in FY 2027

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