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Tax and Budget Highlights

- Starting with tax year 2015, increases the Small Business tax exemption to 100% on the first \$250,000 of income for a small business owner filing jointly (100% on the first \$125,000 for individuals) Further, converts the Ohio income tax for small business owners on any marginal income above these exemptions to a 3% flat tax
- Removes the provision of the bill that would have subjected Social Security and Tier One railroad retirement benefits to Ohio income tax subject to the taxpayers income level and returns to current law which allows taxpayers receiving such benefits to deduct that income
- Increases the target size of the Budget Stabilization Fund from its current 5% target of roughly \$1.8 billion to 8.5% which is roughly \$3.15 billion
- Raises the excise tax on cigarettes from \$1.25 to \$1.65 a pack as of July 1 2015. Related to this is an increase in spending reflected on the Budget in Detail for the Department of Health's Tobacco Prevention Cessation and Enforcement program. An additional \$3M in FY 16 and \$5M in FY 17 are appropriated for this renewed cessation effort

Primary Education Highlights

- Updates the school funding formula in current law with new capacity aid, adjustments to the income factor and targeted assistance, funding for technology & transportation assistance for rural low wealth schools, and new performance payments for schools based on third grade reading results and graduation results
- Increases the Jon Peterson and Autism maximum scholarship amount to \$27,000

Higher Education Highlights

- Increases State Share of Instruction (SSI) appropriations by 4.5% in FY 16 and 4% in FY 17. Allocates funding proportionally based on each institution's share of total in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees for fiscal year 2015
- Freezes instructional and general fees at state institutions of higher education for academic years 2015-16 and 2016-17 at 2014-2015 levels for all undergraduate students
- Requires state institutions of higher education to develop and implement a plan to reduce tuition costs by 5% for all undergraduate students. Requires state institutions of higher education to annually report to the Chancellor any increased or additional auxiliary fees charged by the institution and its justification
- Increases funding for the Ohio College Opportunity Grant and restores the distribution of the monies to educational institutions to historic ratios. Removes requirement that the Chancellor give priority to students with the greatest financial need when developing a distribution model for the grants

Health and Human Services Highlights

- Restores Medicaid coverage for the breast and cervical cancer eligibility group
- Restores Medicaid coverage for pregnant woman up to 200% of the federal poverty level
- Increases funding for Alzheimer's Respite by \$500,000 each fiscal year
- Eliminates the proposed hospital franchise fee increases and reverts back to current law franchise rate of roughly 2.66%

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- To begin to address the concern of insufficient resources in the Department of Developmental Disabilities appropriation for Medicaid Services, the proposal would allow the Director of Developmental Disabilities along with the OBM director to certify a shortfall exists and allow for the transfer of resources from the Department of Medicaid 651-525 Medicaid/Health Care Services line item to meet all critical needs
- Expands the tax deduction for active duty military personnel pay to persons serving in the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service (PHS)
- In some instances, exempts the purchase of forklifts used primarily to move completed manufactured products from the manufacturing facility to the point where the products will be shipped from the sales and use tax
- Allows a municipal income taxpayer to submit an affidavit to a tax administrator certifying that the person is no longer a taxpayer in the municipal corporation
- Prohibits a county DD board from reducing or terminating a service included in someone's "individualized service plan" if the individual's eligibility and need for that service has been upheld at least twice through the Medicaid appeals process
- Makes a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical worker who is diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder eligible to receive compensation and benefits under Ohio's Workers' Compensation Law for up to one year
- Provides \$250,000 each fiscal year for the "People Working Cooperatively" program
- Provides \$200,000 in each fiscal year for Bellefaire JCB's Social Advocates for Youth program
- When determining the wholesale value of the car, the amendment permits towing companies to deduct the cost of the towing fee, but not storage costs
- Provides \$150,000 in each fiscal year for programming at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- Provides \$300,000 in FY 16 for the ESC of Cuyahoga County for the demonstration of telepractice services for children with disabilities
- Requires the Third Frontier Commission to operate the Ohio Third Frontier Internship Program for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.
- Eliminates a provision added by the House that would require a certain portion of VLT revenue paid to a horsemen's association be designated for horsemen's pensions
- Clarifies existing law by subjecting production credit associations (PCAs) and agricultural credit associations (ACAs) to the CAT, instead of the FIT.
- Requires high-performing community schools be given the right of first refusal in the sale or lease of school district real property
- LSC Technical amendment – Department of Taxation being subject to 5 year review
- Provides \$400,000 per year for the Seven Year Promise Program of the Open Doors Academy
- Provides a 10% rate increase for ambulette services
- Designates and encourages commemoration of April as "Eastern European Month"
- Provides \$150,000 in each fiscal year for the SmartOhio financial literacy program
- Authorizes paramedics to perform nonemergency medical services under the direction of the EMT's medical director
- Eliminates current law's requirement that each state public retirement system board submit two reports each year to the Ohio Retirement Study Council related to securities transactions and asset management

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- Eliminates a provision added by the House that would authorize Stark County to levy a cigarette tax and an alcoholic beverage tax in support of the regional arts and cultural district
- Excludes from the CAT certain taxable gross receipts for a vendor that is part of an integrated supply chain in Ohio that is within 10 miles of another such vendor
- Provide funding to the Preble County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters Project
- Appropriates \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year in Educator Prep for Teach For America
- Provides \$400,000 in each fiscal year in Alternative Education Programs for Jobs for Ohio Graduates
- Waives any penalty due for unpaid property taxes resulting when a mortgage lender fails to notify the county auditor of an unsatisfied mortgage
- Appropriates \$200,000 over the biennium from the Healthy Lake Erie Program for the Portage County storm water project
- Authorizes source separated recyclable materials to be taken to any legitimate recycling facility rather than to a facility designated in the initial or amended plan
- Extends the moratorium on issuing new fireworks licenses for 2 years; eliminates the requirement that purchasers fill out a form agreeing to take fireworks outside the state within 48 hours
- Eliminates the Agricultural Society Facilities Grant Program
- Eliminates the proposed Joint Education Oversight Committee
- (OBM) Transfers the Soil and Water Division to DNR
- Requires the Tax Commissioner to administer a temporary tax amnesty program for certain Ohio taxes for 45 days in early 2016
- Allows ADAMHS boards to own and operate recovery housing
- Adds advocacy on behalf of managed care and Medicaid-eligible enrollees to the list of duties of an ADAMHS board
- Removes temp law that was repeated from last budget bill re: Auditor of State and unauditable community schools. Passage of HB 10 in 130th GA makes this temp law unnecessary
- Transfers implementation of the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program from the Board of Regents to the Treasurer of State
- Re-establishes the Legislative Committee on Public Health Futures
- LSC technical amendment
- Allows a township to appropriate money to a community improvement corporation to fund activities and programs
- Requires the Medicaid payment rate for medical transportation services to include a fuel cost component
- Expands the lists of qualifications for a psychologist license to include a doctoral degree in psychology or school psychology from an accredited institution
- Requires the Ohio Department of Medicaid to seek a federal waiver for a two-year demonstration project where Medicaid recipients are admitted to participating nursing facilities in lieu of freestanding long-term care hospitals
- Clarifies that the moratorium, prohibiting induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame for certain persons until two years after the persons have vacated certain government positions, may be waived by the Executive Committee depending on the age of the person
- Specifies a transition process when a school district merger occurs causing one joint vocational school district to lose territory while another joint vocational school district gains territory
- Eliminates development of the Ohio Hospital Report Card

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- Removes the earmark and requirement that OHT create the Ohio All-Payer Health Claims Database
- Deletes language and appropriations related to the Healthier Buckeye Grant Program, local Healthier Buckeye Councils and associated funding
- Deletes the Healthy Food Financing Initiative
- Removes the earmark related to Northeast Ohio Medical University
- Adds provisions related to state matching funds for soil and water conservation districts
- Adds certified Ohio behavior analysts to the list of professionals who are responsible for reporting the abuse or neglect of a developmentally disabled, or physically impaired child or adult
- Restores the income tax credit for personal contributions to political campaigns
- Appropriates \$300K in FY 16 and \$250K in FY 17 to support the Chardon Pilot program and its continuing efforts to assist in trauma-based recovery support services for the students and teachers in Chardon, Ohio
- Prescribes new definitions for determining whether a seller has "substantial nexus" with Ohio and therefore should be required to register, collect and remit use tax for out-of-state purchases by Ohio consumers
- Modifies the proposed Campus Safety and Training Program to include private nonprofit institutions of higher education
- While honoring all previously issued tax credits, imposes a 2 year moratorium starting July 1, 15 on the issuance of new Historic rehabilitation tax credits. Restarts the program in FY 2018 as a grant program. Eliminates the proposed ability to claim credits against the CAT
- Removes the requirement that a putative father who receives a pre-birth notice and who wishes to preserve his right to consent to the child's adoption file a paternity action
- Requires a court to consider an applicant's military service and experience when granting Certificates of Qualification for Employment.
- For purposes of probate law, specifies that an accounting by an administrator or executor is not necessary if a partial account is waived.
- Creates the Litigation Fund for cases that involve a constitutional challenge to a state statute and that the General Assembly is a party; appropriates \$500,000 each year to the fund
- Appropriates \$150,000 for each fiscal year for the purpose of paying for staff for the Criminal Justice Recodification Committee
- Removes language repealing the CDJFS evaluation system
- Creates the Montgomery County Workforce Study Committee to study workforce development issues and trends in the Montgomery County region.
- Increases the number of members on the Materials Management Advisory Council from 4 to 6. These new members must be from the private industry
- Permits, under certain circumstances, a municipal corporation that shares at least 70% of its territory with a school district to enter into an agreement to share municipal income tax revenue with the school district
- Increases the Operating line item by \$20,000 each fiscal year to be used by the State Veterinary Medical Licensing Board to allow for the hire of a part-time investigator
- Deletes the dental pilot program in Appalachian counties
- Removes the earmark for the Holzer Clinic
- Removes the earmark for the Warrensville Senior Center
- Deletes the provision and appropriation for the Childhood League Center in Franklin County
- Includes changes related to force account limits for townships

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- Expands the Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant Program to include publicly owned lands that are owned by an organization that has entered into an agreement with a political subdivision
- Moves Trumbull County into Peer Group 2
- Makes changes to the provisions of the bill related to basic local exchange service (BLES), including clarifying that voice service provided to a customer adversely impacted by the withdrawal of BLES must be provided service at the customer's residence
- Specifies guidelines for determining an individual's Medicaid eligibility when a Medicaid applicant's or recipient's home is held in a revocable self-settled trust
- Changes the base upon which the motor fuel receipts tax is imposed for petroleum gas by using the average market price of propane, instead of diesel
- Establishes procedures to allow specified liquor permit holders to serve beer or intoxicating liquor until 4 a.m.
- (OBM) Modifies executive provision by changing DPS cash transfer reference from "motor fuel tax" to "Highway Safety Fund"
- (OBM) Removes House changes requiring a review and update of 9-1-1 call standards and training
- (OBM) Clarifies language dealing with the means testing of the retirement and senior credits
- (OBM) Changes the effective dates of the CAT and horseracing tax distributions in order to meet statutory deadlines.
- Decreases the earmark of \$1.25 million in each fiscal year in Alternative Education Programs for payments to various educational entities for students ages 22 and above who enroll to earn a high school diploma
- Eliminates proposed supplemental payments to school districts for College Credit Plus
- (OBM) Amends a House added provision to clarify that political subdivisions receiving donated electricity are exempt from the kilowatt hour tax
- (OBM) Removes the requirement for the General Assembly to approve recommendations of the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education
- (OBM) Eliminates responsibility for the Board of Regents to provide an obsolete annual report of advanced standing programs
- (OBM) Technical amendment that clarifies the state's minimum compliance requirements for the federal Veterans' Access, Choice and Accountability Act
- (OBM) Removes provision transferring the Commission on Service and Volunteerism to the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
- (OBM) Requires the Executive Director of the Elections Commission and the Secretary of State to certify to the OBM Director, by July 1, 2015 or soon thereafter, the amount of filing fees erroneously deposited by both their offices into the GRF between 2007 and 2015. OBM Director may transfer cash, up to the amount certified, to the Elections Commission Fund
- (OBM) Removes the provision requiring the PASSPORT program to cover consultation and assessment services provided by registered nurses
- (OBM) Restores Executive budget language that allows the department to carry forward unencumbered appropriations out of the Medicaid 525 line into the current FY
- (OBM) Corrects a drafting error in the language regarding non-emergency medical transportation by adding a JFS appropriation line and deleting unnecessary language
- (OBM) Corrects language regarding the implementation of a public assistance eligibility determination system by allowing the transfer of state share funds from a Medicaid line item to a JFS line item

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- (OBM) Restores the Executive budget proposal for establishing the annual payment schedule for paying the hospital assessment (i.e. hospital franchise permit fee)
- (OBM) Modifies the Executive budget language by clarifying that an individual who paid a third-party liability recovery may request a hearing and subsequent appeals
- (OBM) Restores the Executive budget version of language on verification systems for home care service contractors
- Eliminates provisions in the bill dealing with “Healthy Ohio”
- (OBM) Eliminates language that would have allowed a medical transportation provider to submit a claim to the Medicaid program for a service provided to an ICDS participant without the Medicare program first denying the claim
- (OBM) Reduces the proposal to increase the rate paid for nursing services by a home health aide under an HCBS waiver program from 10% to 5%.
- (OBM) Removes provision permitting community schools receiving a “C” or better on overall value-added progress dimension, performance index, or K-3 literacy from operating a preschool program and receive funding for that program
- Creates an income tax refund contribution check-off to fund a program that grants wishes for children with a life-threatening medical condition.
- Appropriates \$100,000 in each year for a program in the Department of Health to develop a grant program where eligible nonprofits may apply for funding to grant the wishes of Ohio children with life-threatening medical condition
- Allows a board of township trustees to adopt a resolution allowing the township to pay for obligations electronically
- (OBM) Removes the provision that modifies the Ohio Pawnbroker Act to create a new type of pawnbroker license
- (OBM) Restores executive provision to align PUCO statutory fine limit with the federal limit
- (OBM) Restores and revises the House-deleted provision protecting the confidentiality of trade secret information provided to an emergency responder, and extends the confidentiality to others who receive the information
- Requires the Tax Commissioner & the OBM director to determine the aggregate value of appropriation items or policies that are vetoed by the Governor in this budget bill. To the extent they exceed \$5M in FY 16 and \$6M in FY 17, the permanent personal income tax rates of the state will be reduced accordingly
- Eliminates the Auditor of State’s authority to declare a fiscal emergency exists in a municipal corporation, county, or township when the Auditor finds an entity for a fiscal watch has been declared has not taken action to discontinue or correct the fiscal practices or budgetary conditions that prompted the declaration of fiscal watch
- Grants townships the right of reentry for burial lots sold prior of July 24, 1986, and requires the board to provide notice prior to reentering a lot
- Requires the rules for real estate appraisal, established by the Tax Commissioner under continuing law, to include definitions necessary to clarify appraisal methods.
- If county commissioners publish a schedule of fees above \$50 an hour, the county is eligible for a 5% increase in their indigent defense reimbursement.
- Increases funding for ESCs and the per-student amount to \$35
- Removes a requirement that ODE develop a plan to expand ODE’s authority to sponsor community schools and a ratings rubric for sponsor evaluations

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- Reinstates the provisions from the as introduced version of the bill to require the educator standards board to create standards for school counselors
- Removes provisions creating new criteria & exemptions for high-performing school districts
- Removes changes to competitive bidding threshold for school buildings
- Removes Education Program Support line item
- Modifies the continuing education requirements for licensed insurance agents to specify that an agent must complete at least 24 hours of continuing education for each licensing period
- Permits the Superintendent of Public Instruction to adopt guidelines identifying circumstances in which ODE, after consulting with the lead district of a career-technical planning district, may approve or disapprove a school district's, community school's, or STEM school's career-technical education program after the new May 15th deadline
- Prescribes a method for estimating the true value of golf courses for tax purposes.
- (OBM) Limits recipients of publicly funded child care to just one full-time provider each week, unless the family is granted an exemption for reasons specified in the bill
- (OBM) Reinserts language removed by the House to establish the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program
- Eliminates the Motor Vehicle Repairs Board
- Eliminates funding for the Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation
- Requires the Lottery Commission to adopt rules to allow EZPlay Keno and EZPlay Bingo through instant win style lottery terminals, limiting their placement to licensed lottery agents who are also holders of certain D liquor permits
- Makes modifications to the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) administered by DSA; specifically, DSA would have to establish a competitive procurement process for supplying electricity to customers qualified for PIPP, instead of simply permitting DSA to competitively auction the supply of electricity
- Makes changes related to refunding general obligation debt
- (OBM) Eliminates the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program
- Requires a state agency and its officers, employees, and contractors to recognize the state identification card of an individual who is a member, officer who is not a member, or employee of the General Assembly as a form of identification
- Restores funding for the Ohioana Library Association to the as Introduced version of the bill and moves the funding back to its own agency line items
- Makes changes to various line items in DSA including Technology Programs and Grants
- Removes language that exempts therapeutic wilderness camps from ODJFS certification
- Removes the TANF earmark for the Ohio Parenting and Pregnancy Program
- Removes the earmark for children's crisis care facilities
- Replaces the bill's GRF appropriation of \$8.75 million in each year for the Ohio Association of Food Banks with an additional TANF earmark of \$11.25 million in each year.
- Allows a board of township trustees to use the principal of its permanent cemetery endowment fund for maintenance and improvement of its cemeteries if the board is unable to do so using only income from the fund
- Permits a STEM school to admit out-of-state students and requires that tuition be charged if student is admitted
- Removes the creation of the Ohio Expenditure Committee from the bill

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- Removes a provision which would require the chairperson of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board to alternate between the House of Representatives and the Senate
- (OBM) Alters the definition of imprisonment for purposes of Medicaid
- Combines the State Barber Board and the State Board of Cosmetology into the State Board of Barbers and Cosmetology and adds one representative of the tanning industry
- (OBM) Defines a joint venture as a person under the oil and gas laws
- Increases appropriation to the Targeted Health Care Services Over 21 line item and requires those monies be used to implement the Hemophilia Insurance Premium Payment Program
- Abolishes the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board and transfers its duties to the existing State Board of Optometry
- Eliminates the Ohio Landscape Architect Board and expands the duties and responsibilities of the Architect Board to include the regulation of landscape architects
- (OBM) Deletes a provision of the bill, which specifically limits the Director of Development Service's ability to conduct compliance and regulatory review of the projects designated by local development districts
- Adopts, until January 1, 2017, a lower petition signature threshold for purposes of an annexation in a chartered county with a population of at least one million
- Sunsets the Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Council
- Eliminates the Vehicle Management Commission, which is in DAS, effective January 1, 2016
- Makes the establishment of a health district licensing council permissive, rather than mandatory
- Reduces the motor fuel supplier tax rate from .65% to .26% on gross receipts received from the sale of dyed diesel fuel
- Reduces the number of competency-based education pilots from 10 to 5 with maximum grants being set at \$200,000
- Eliminates \$350,000 set-aside in Alternative Education Programs for a clearinghouse of information for intervention for at-risk students
- Eliminates \$125,000 set-aside in Career Tech Ed Enhancements to support the Ohio ProStart school restaurant program
- Decreases the e-school facilities assistance amount from \$25 to \$12.50 per pupil in fiscal year 2016. Decreases the facilities assistance amount from \$200 to \$150 per pupil in fiscal year 2016 for all other community or STEM schools.
- Removes earmark for public library that provides remedial coursework instruction for postsecondary students from the Adult Basic and Literacy Education line item
- (OBM) Shifts money in DRC to allow for a pilot project in 3 counties for community based correctional facilities
- (OBM) Amends language associated with specialty dockets providing treatment to drug court participants
- (OBM) Technical clean-up to references to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities in ORC
- (OBM) Removes language and appropriation establishing the Hope for a Smile Program
- (OBM) Removes ESC eligibility to participate in the Community Connectors grant program
- (OBM) Moves deadline for the kindergarten readiness assessment to September 30 and removes provision permitting assessment to be administered remotely
- Eliminates ability of community colleges, technical colleges and state community colleges to offer Bachelors' degrees if no state university offers or plans to offer the same or a similar degree within thirty miles

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- Provides \$500,000 in funding for a Regional Partnership and Training Center at Ohio University Southern in Ironton
- Reappropriates up to \$600,000 of the unexpended, unencumbered balances of the GRF appropriations for ODE at the end of fiscal year 2015 to STEM Initiatives for FY 2016.
- Requires that the newly changed line item entitled “FQHC Primary Care Workforce Initiative” be provided to the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers to provide medical, dental, behavioral health, physician assistant, and advanced practice nursing students with clinical rotations through FQHC’s
- Specifies that the Springfield Downtown Parking Facility capital appropriation item may be used for transportation and community strategic planning
- Allows a board of education to enter into a contract with an FQHC or FQHC look-alike for the purpose of providing health care services to students
- Requires LSC to be the fiscal agent for the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review and the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee along with the CIIC that it already provides that service for
- Requires (rather than permits as under current law) the Medicaid Director to establish an alternative purchasing model for nursing facility services
- Decreases Adult Diploma by \$3,750,000 in fiscal year 2016 and by \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2017
- Remove the earmark of beer tax revenues for major sporting events and instead appropriates the same amount in the Travel and Tourism line of DSA
- Authorizes the Governor to execute a release of any and all rights of reversion for the benefit of the state and any deed restrictions and covenants with respect to the construction on or use of certain real estate located in the City of Moraine, Ohio
- (OBM) Includes language to conform with the intent of the provision requiring OBM to distribute a portion of the sales and use tax collections to the income tax reduction fund from remote sellers
- Maintains current law concerning uterine cytologic examinations performed in hospitals by requiring hospitals to perform such examinations to every female patient age 18 or older who has been admitted on an in-patient basis
- Increases funding for the Washington Center Internship Program by \$95,000 each year
- Prohibits a state university from requiring a student to live in on-campus student housing if they live within forty miles of the university
- (OBM) Brings Ohio into compliance with federal laws regarding tobacco enforcement
- Redirects funding from the LGF municipal distribution that provides supplemental LGF payments to cities and villages levying an income tax. \$10M in each fiscal year shall be distributed to Ohio’s townships. \$2M in each fiscal year shall be distributed to Ohio’s small villages (populations of less than 1,000.) One half of the funds will be distributed by population and the remainder shall be by road miles.
- Permits ESCs to lend money for infrastructure improvements to local governments who are members of a regional council of governments for whom the ESC serves as a fiscal agent
- Require the Ohio Department of Medicaid, in consultation with the Attorney General’s Office, to develop, implement and fund a 2-year demonstration program under which newborns who have neonatal abstinence syndrome are transferred to a community facility in Montgomery county
- Allows the D-5j liquor permit to be issued to an establishment located in a municipal corporation that has created a community entertainment district if certain conditions apply
- Adds certain charitable organizations to the entities through which a licensed dental professional may practice dentistry, dental surgery, or dental hygiene
- (OBM) Temporary tags are good for 45 days instead of 30

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- Makes changes to the current Agricultural Linked Deposit Program
- Allows a manufacturer or solicitor of alcoholic beverages to give merchandise to a personal consumer in connection with the purchase of an alcoholic beverage if certain conditions apply
- (OBM) Delays the effective date of the abbreviated driving course by one year
- (OBM) Requires a front and rear license plate for historical vehicles
- Requires municipalities with a watershed management program to allow adjacent property owners to enter on the municipality's property for the purpose of mowing vegetation, removing invasive species, etc on a 5 foot buffer between the municipality's property and adjacent property owners' properties
- Authorizes the PUCO to adopt rules exempting certain types of advertising from provisions of law that require a towing service to include its certificate number on all advertising
- Establishes a process for an interested party, such as a property owner, to request a hearing before a township removes an unsafe building. Authorizes a township, with approval of the board of trustees, to borrow money to pay expenses of removing the building
- Maintains current law with regards to hunting licenses
- (OBM) Eliminates the two-year pilot program for inmates in Montgomery and Jackson county jails
- (OBM) Changes the name of four line items to more clearly reflect the purposes of these funds
- Eliminates the Student Debt Reduction Program
- Makes clear a licensed spectacle dispensing optician must complete a 2 hour course of study in contact lens dispensing before being authorized to dispense prepackaged soft contact lenses
- Requires county recorders to issue veteran identification cards to individuals who satisfy specified requirements
- Requires the Director of Development Services to make available to the public an estimate of total revenue forgone as a result of tax incentives approved by the Tax Credit Authority within 30 days after the incentive is approved.
- Authorizes a physician to notify a mental health professional of a patient's suspected drug overdose
- Increases the maximum age of the residents of a sleeping room to 21 (from 18) that is required for the sleeping room to be exempt from the bill's provision regarding ICF/IID sleeping room occupancy limits
- Decreases Foundation Funding by \$1 million in each fiscal year for career-tech planning districts' reimbursements for individuals taking the General Education Development (GED) test
- Removes a provision of current law that excludes buses used for the transportation of chartered parties from the definition of an apportionable vehicle
- Creates the Multi-system Youth Study Group to identify the services currently provided to multi-system youths and the costs and outcomes of those services to determine the best way to deliver these services.
- Creates the Lincoln Highway license plate
- Makes revisions to the required use of appropriations in the Healthy Lake Erie Program.
- Permits students to participate in College Credit Plus during the summer
- Decreases appropriations for the Healthy Lake Erie Program by \$350,000 in FY 2016 and removes an earmark of \$350,000 directed to the City of Mentor.
- Reverts back to current law regarding the Addiction Treatment Pilot Program
- Appropriates \$500,000 each fiscal year for the "Integrating Professionals for Appalachian Children" to be used to improve maternal and child health outcomes

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- Changes funding source for the Defense/Aerospace Workforce Development Initiative in the Board of Regents
- Provides \$125,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Appalachian Teaching Fellowship
- Repeals the authorization for conveyance of state owned land in Delaware County that is referred to as the “Ohio White Sulfur Springs Property”
- Further limits the information the Tax Commissioner may require a person to verify to confirm the person’s identity to information compiled or created less than five years before the verification is required.
- Modifies the structure of Ohio Military Facilities Commission from its own agency to a subcommittee of the existing Federal Military Jobs Commission. Changes the funding source of the Commission
- LSC Technical amendment #2
- Prohibits Legal Aid from using the appropriation for administrative costs.
- Authorizes a county of between 75,000 and 78,000 to increase its general hotel tax rate by 1% to pay construction and maintenance costs for a sports park.
- Modifies the Uniform Depository Law relative to pledging security for the repayment of uninsured public deposits that is required of financial institutions designated public depositories
- Permits a regional transit authority to apply for and accept grants and loans from any private source, and to acquire real and personal property by borrowing from any private source
- Requires a developmental closure commission to provide its report not later than 90 days after the Governor’s notice. Also requires that one member of the commission be a family member of a person living in a developmental center.
- Establishes appropriations in the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund for the Federal Research Center Network to align the state's research assets with emerging missions and job growth opportunities
- Provides \$1M to create the Lakes in Economic Distress Revolving Loan Program to assist businesses that are adversely impacted when a lake is determined to be in economic distress due to environmental or safety issues
- Allows a publicly traded partnership to elect to be taxed as if the partnership were a C corporation for municipal income tax purposes.
- Sets the deadline for filing financial disclosure statements at May 15 of each year, instead of April 15; candidates in primary elections would still be required to file 30 days before the primary
- Redirects funding from the LGF municipal distribution to the Law Enforcement Assistance Program. \$5M in FY 16 shall be used to increase the required number of hours of police officer training from 4 to 11 hours. \$5M in FY 17 shall be used to increase the required training from 11 to 20 hours. Starting in FY 17, a small local contribution will be required for any police force with greater than 50 officers
- Modifies the bills requirements for fingerprinting for 4-H volunteers at OSU Extension
- Provides \$200,000 in each fiscal year to match funds for the school lunch program and to partner with the Children’s Hunger Alliance to expand summer nutrition programs
- Restores a repealed provision in the House-passed version of the bill that requires state printing to comply with the law giving a preference to Ohio based products and services
- Removes an exception to what is considered a confidential record under the concealed handgun license law
- Increases the Justice Services appropriation by \$75,000 for administrative costs.

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- Removes requirement that JVSDs spend at least 75% of funding on career-tech education programs and 25% on personnel expenditures
- Removes new prohibition from smoking, use of tobacco or possession of any substance that contains tobacco in any area under the control of a school district or any school-supervised activity including outdoor activities that applied to all individuals (instead of just students as in current law)
- Removes a provision that required a licensor of food service operators to revoke a food service operation license when the licensor determines that a license holder has acquired three or more violations or has failed to pay a civil fine greater than \$1,000
- Appropriates \$12,750,000 to be used to assist all county boards of election in purchasing electronic poll books. The state will provide 85% of the cost
- Clarifies a municipal income tax law, effective January 1, 2016, that temporarily reduces the amount of net operating loss (NOL) that a business may deduct and carry-forward to 50% of the amount otherwise allowed.
- Specifies that in certain situations a municipal corporation may tax an individual's foreign income for instance if the income is included on the taxpayers federal gross income
- Requires school districts to adopt a new, tiered zero tolerance policy for violent and disruptive behavior
- Requires Medicaid managed care organizations to implement value-based payment strategies and that at least 50% of these payments are value-based by July 1, 2020
- Requires the Department of Medicaid, not later than July 1, 2016, to implement strategies to improve the integrity of the Medicaid managed care system
- Requires the Department of Medicaid to establish a Medicaid waiver program under which certain Medicaid recipients, instead of participating in fee-for service or managed care, must enroll in innovative and value-based health coverage that is modeled on health savings accounts and uses premiums, copayments, or both.
- Recommends to the Department of Medicaid that they perform pre-enrollment screenings and reviews of Medicaid providers designated as moderate or high risk to the Medicaid program
- Authorizes the Medicaid Director to contract with persons to receive and process requests for certain Medicaid-related data that will be used for commercial or academic purposes
- Creates an 11-member Workgroup to Study the Feasibility of Medicaid Recipient's ID and Benefits Cards
- Lowers the requirements to create nonstandard license plates and lowers the number of renewals required to keep the nonstandard license plate in circulation.
- Increases funding to establish the Best Buddies Ohio Chapter
- Establishes an appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 for the purpose of providing free admission for Ohio veterans to the Ohio Veterans Memorial and Museum
- Reduces FY 15 ending fund balance set aside for Systems Transformation support by \$1.5M
- (OBM) Removes provisions of the bill that require the Director of Transportation to prepare draft legislation regarding the use of revenue from the sales and use tax on aviation fuel
- Eliminates provisions in current law that excludes alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services from the Medicaid managed care system. Requires the Department of Medicaid to begin inclusion of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services into managed care not later than January 1, 2018
- Allows the Office of the Consumers' Counsel to assist consumers with utility complaints or refer them to the PUCO's call center instead of referring all complaints to the call center as required under current law.

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- Keeps the title of Chancellor for the leader of the newly named Department of Higher Education
- Removes the Southern Gateway Innovation Center line item
- Decreases the appropriation in the Medicaid/Health Care Services line item
- Delays the termination of the 209(b) program to at least July 1, 2016
- Requires the OBM Director to make a transfer from the Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries Fund to the GRF
- Modifies the proposed increases in Medicaid rates for homemaker/personal care services to 3% each fiscal year
- Requires the Ohio PWC to make advances to public entities to meet a portion of the costs of extending water and sewer lines
- Allows a trained active duty military member who is at least 18 to carry a concealed handgun as long as the member is carrying military I.D. and a certificate indicating successful small arms qualification
- Removes requirement that community schools be sponsored by an exemplary sponsor in order to receive facilities assistance funding and instead requires the school itself be high-performing
- Provides that if prior to a State Teachers Retirement System member's death, a trust was established for the member's beneficiary or surviving spouse, dependent children, or dependent parents, any return of contributions or survivor benefits may be paid to the trust for benefit of the beneficiary or survivor
- Maintains the current law with regards to the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities
- Exempts transactions by which a rental vehicle is provided to someone whose vehicle is undergoing repair or maintenance from the sales and use tax.
- Removes current limitation on the number of Cleveland pilot scholarships that may be awarded to students who were enrolled in a nonpublic school prior to their application for the scholarship
- Removes current law requirement that limits race tracks located in the same county, or within 20 miles of each other, to offering simulcast racing programs only during designated hours of the day; also removes the maximum number of live racing days (210 days) that a racetrack can conduct during any given year
- (OBM) Extends the continuing education reporting period for licensees called to active duty military service
- Transfers earmarks for the James Garfield Monument and the Murphy Theatre to the Ohio History Connection's State Historical Grants line item
- Provides free public transportation for veterans
- Increases the funding for College Credit Plus payments for homeschooled students by \$250,000 in each fiscal year
- Authorizes a county on the Lake Erie shore to levy a lodging tax of up to 2% to fund shoreline improvements, subject to referendum
- For ESCs dissolving not later than July 1, 2015, prohibits any debt owed by the ESC to ODE for expenses related to the dissolution from being assessed on the ESC's client school districts
- Requires the School Facilities Commission to provide facilities funding for qualified joint STEM programs and permits the qualified partnership to levy taxes for up to 10 years to fund the local share
- Includes Federal Military Jobs Commission projects, programs, and activities as eligible for economic development assistance
- Increases excise tax on tobacco products other than cigarettes from 17% to 22.5% as of July 1, 15
- Decreases Career-Technical Education Enhancements by \$750,000 in each fiscal year for competitive grants to tech prep consortia

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- Beginning October 1, 2015 the provision subjects the sale of hotel intermediary services to the states sales and use tax. The provision also clarifies persons providing hotel intermediary services for lodging at a hotel having substantial nexus with Ohio, requiring those persons to register with the Tax Commissioner to collect and remit use tax on those sales
- Requires the Department of Medicaid to establish a waiver program where Medicaid recipients who are married to each other retain, under certain circumstances, their Medicaid eligibility despite employment earnings that exceed the specified thresholds
- Redirects funding from the LGF municipal distribution \$1M in each year to begin to implement the key recommendations of the Community Police Relations Task Force including a database on use of force and officer involved shootings and a public awareness campaign
- Requires the Department of Medicaid, if it terminates the 209(b) option, to establish a Medicaid waiver under which an individual who has cystic fibrosis and is enrolled in the BCMH program or a program for adults with cystic fibrosis may qualify for Medicaid under the spend down process
- Allows the Treasurer of State to purchase obligations issued to political subdivisions relating to eligible projects overseen by the Federal Military Jobs Commission
- Lengthens the period of time during which wholesale dealers may buy cigarette stamps on credit from July 1 till May 1 to July 1 till June 23
- Prohibits a Medicaid managed care plan from imposing prior authorization requirements for recipients of alcohol, drug addiction, or mental health services other than those prior authorization requirements of current law
- Clarifies that an executor's or administrator's fee for property not subject to administration, and the value of that property, are determined on the date of the decedent's death
- Removes requirement that all public and participating private and out-of-state colleges offer an Associate's degree pathway under the College Credit Plus program
- Removes language that would have required an owner to permit an ODH officer or employee entry in order to investigate smoking complaints
- Removes language that would have suspended a Medicaid provider agreement or Medicaid provider payments to entire entities on the basis of one individual's indictment on fraud
- Removes language in the bill that would require Ohio State University's board of trustees to adopt a resolution to grant or not grant voting power to student members on the board
- Eliminates requirement for the Departments of Higher Education and Health to develop a model policy regarding the use of tobacco at state institutions of higher education
- Provides the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board with summary suspension authority
- Requires an executive agency, mayor's court, municipal court, county court, court of common pleas, court of appeals, and the Supreme Court to submit a report containing information about the amounts collected in any non-GRF fund to the General Assembly twice a year
- Removes language prohibiting insurers from using genetic information to set premium rates, as this prohibition already exists
- Replaces new language that permits school administrators to approve the installation of security devices with a requirement that the Board of Building Standards adopt rules for a staff member of a public or private school or institution of higher education to use a device, in an emergency situation, that prevents both ingress and egress through a door in a school building for a finite period of time
- Enables certified local government building departments to issue building permits, conduct inspections, and conduct certain other administrative actions related to a park district
- Requires half of the fees collected by county recorders for the Housing Trust Fund to be returned to the county for the purpose of housing

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- Limits the percentage of an alternative retirement program participant's compensation that must be paid to PERS, STRS, or SERS and specifies certain guidelines that must be met if the STRS board increases the percentage prior to the effective date of the provision
- Requires OBM director to pay \$250,000 from the Casino Operator Settlement Fund by December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016 (for a total of \$500,000) to each of the municipalities/townships that have a racino (except Scioto); requires each racino operator to pay \$250,000 by December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016 (for a total of \$500,000) to the municipality/township that has a racino
- Modifies the definition of Ohio employee payroll for the purposes of computing JCTCs and JRTCs under the bill's updated formula. Requires the Tax Credit Authority to annually compute a withholding adjustment factor to account for increases or decreases in the state income tax rates since July 29, 2013, which would apply only to agreements approved by the TCA before 2014
- Moves Allen County into Peer Group 2
- Permits people who meet certain criteria to take the GED test regardless of any other requirement under law
- Returns to current law provisions regarding age requirements to take the tests of general educational development (GED)
- Provides \$750,000 in fiscal year 2016 in Foundation Funding to be used as matching funds for the Accelerate Great Schools public-private partnership
- Eliminates the new Joint Task Force on Transportation
- Amends the tasks of the Ohio 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission to make recommendations on how to transition Ohio's personal income to a 3.5% or 3.75% flat tax by tax year 2018
- Allows 501(c) non-professional, membership associations to transfer member contributions to its PACs, just like 501(c) professional membership associations are currently allowed to do
- Allows a portion of funding for the Legislative Task Force on Redistricting to lapse
- Eliminates unnecessary language in the bill regarding payments by Cap Square to repay for warehouse space that has already been paid in full
- Appropriates \$1,000,000 over the biennium from the TANF Block Grant for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program to provide mentoring for children of incarcerated parents
- Removes the new conditions qualifying private high schools located outside the Pilot Project Scholarship school district (Cleveland) to participate in the Cleveland Scholarship Pilot Program
- Increases indigent defense by \$3,800,000 over the biennium for capital cases
- Allows new and used motor vehicle dealers licensed in Ohio to remit the sales and use tax collected on vehicle sales directly to the state on the dealer's monthly sales or use tax return.
- Creates a committee to study the fiscal solvency of the Deputy Registrars
- Removes the appropriation for the Competency Based Pilot Project but retains requirement for the Chancellor to work with institutions of higher education to establish competency-based programs by July 1, 2016
- Amends language prohibiting controlling board from authorizing expenditures of unanticipated revenue received by the state in an amount greater than 1% of GRF appropriations for a fiscal year; also creates the Health and Human Services Fund to be used for costs that enhance the public health and overall health care quality of Ohioans; transfers \$200 million is transferred to this fund from various sources
- Eliminates earmark and accompanying temp law for STEM Public-Private Partnership from the Co-Op Internship line item in Department of Higher Education

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- Removes a provision that specifies that taxpayers seeking damage awards on the basis of actions or omissions regarding municipal income taxes may sue the municipal corporation, but not the tax administrator
- Eliminates funding for the Workforce Grants program
- Eliminates the Straight A Fund. Retains funding for College Credit Plus teacher credentialing programs
- Eliminates \$1,750,000 in each fiscal year for summer literacy camps
- Removes a provision requiring health plans on the exchange to make the top 20% of services and expected contributions for each service available
- Removes the provision extending the property tax exemption for fraternal organizations
- Removes the language extending township tax increment financing (TIF) exemptions
- Removes the provision lengthening the maximum term for which a subdivision may levy property tax for operating a cemetery
- Removes the provision extending the historic rehabilitation tax credit for C corporations
- Removes language allowing boards of trustees of a county hospital in Cuyahoga and Summit counties to hold title to funds and invest money not needed for current demands
- Modifies the House-added language allowing a county lodging tax for sports facilities to make the provision subject to a referendum
- Provides all judges in Ohio with pay raises (5% for each of the next 4 years); also provides all sheriffs and prosecutors in Ohio with pay raises (5% for each of the next 4 years; however, the raises will not start until January 1, 2017, which is the start of their next terms of office
- Decreases appropriations to the Low Income Energy Assistance in each fiscal year
- Removes language from the bill that would have required a pharmacy benefit manager to disclose the maximum allowable cost lists and any differences in the amounts charged
- Decreases the non GRF Teacher Certification and Licensure line item by \$2.35 million in FY 16 and \$2.65 million in FY 17
- Earmarks \$350,000 in each fiscal year for Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Removes a \$400,000 earmark for the purchase of watercraft
- Provides funding for the Judicial Conference through the end of the 2015, and transfers a portion of the remaining funding to the Supreme Court; also requires the Conference to form an advisory group to provide a report to the General Assembly by October 31, 2015 that recommends how their duties should be transferred to either an independent association that doesn't receive state funding or the Supreme Court
- Prohibits state universities from providing excess health benefits to its employees that would cause a university to pay the excess tax under federal law; this does not affect existing contracts to provide such benefits
- Modifies the proposed allocation of the 2015 GRF Ending Fund Balance
- Modifies the proposed allocation and disposition of resources within the Medicaid Reserve Fund
- Decreases funding in Foundation line for Community Connectors by \$5 million each FY
- Reinstates language in the as introduced version of the bill related to Appalachia Assistance
- Eliminates special elections in February, and requires a political subdivision asking for a special election to pre-pay 65% of the costs of that special election
- Requires Department of Medicaid to cease implementation of rule 5160-1-60.1 on 7-1-15
- Removes the increase of \$500K per year from the Investment Pool Reimbursement within the Treasurer of State

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- Decreases appropriations to the Supportive Services Fund within Development Services Operations by \$500,000 per fiscal year
- Makes adjustments in appropriations to reflect a change in the federal match rate assumed regarding payments to providers within the Medicaid program
- Makes adjustments in appropriations to the state and federal Medicaid line items to better reflect program expenditures
- Decreases the Local Tax Administration line item within the Department of Taxation by \$1,293,050 in FY 16 and FY 17
- Creates the Graduate Medical Education Study Committee
- Requires at least \$500,000 per fiscal year of the state public transportation appropriation to be spent on rural public transit
- Eliminates the Higher Education Innovation Grant Program
- Eliminates the Higher Education Program Support line item and associated spending
- Sunsets the Ohio Constitutional Modernization on January 1, 2016
- Allows a portion of funding for the Constitutional Modernization Commission to lapse
- This summary does not include appropriation changes. Please refer to the LSC Budget in Detail for additional policy changes made through appropriations

