Amended Substitute House Bill 479
Senate Finance Committee
Summary of Budget Corrections

- Allows the unused portions of two GRF appropriations made in Operating Budget (House Bill 96 136th G.A.) for the Auditor of State to rollover into FY 27

- Makes two technical changes in the pending State Capital Budget (Senate Bill 450 136th G.A.) including a project name correction and a spelling error

- Modifies the Operating Budget (House Bill 96 136th G.A.) which keeps any budget surplus in the GRF at the end of FY 26, allowing the surplus to reach the following five funds: Budget Stabilization fund, Expanded Sales Tax Holiday fund, Property Tax Relief fund, Debt Service Reduction fund and Health & Human Services fund. Will distribute $350,000,000 to Ohio's Homestead recipients in January 2027 and will require a 15-day Expanded Sales Tax Holiday in August 2027 with another $320,000,000

- Opens a window for owners of certain property in NE Ohio enterprise zones to cure paperwork errors that could lead to changes in tax exempt status

- Appropriates roughly $2.1M GRF for two line items in the Broadcast Educational Media Commission that were removed from the bond financed State Capital Budget (Senate Bill 450 136th G.A.)

- Makes a technical change to a provision from the Operating Budget (House Bill 96 136th G.A.) synching sections of code to changes in petition language

- Begins the implementation of post-traumatic stress coverage for police, fire and other first responders in the department of behavioral health under the oversight of the Ohio post-traumatic stress fund commission. Allows access to $40M previous appropriated in a House Bill 184 – 136th GA

- Corrects a potential unintended outcome relative to House Bill 186 – 136th GA to ensure the Inflation Cap Credit does not apply to future inflationary adjustments in the Homestead program

- Makes GRF and FED match appropriations to support the transition to CHIP cards for SNAP recipients as required by pending Senate Bill 315 136th G.A.

- ***Note****: In some summaries above, rounded numbers were used. Please refer to the bill text or the specific amendments for additional details and exact numbers*

- Extends prohibitive contracting language from House Bill 497 - 135th G.A. for counties, to Regional Transit Authorities (RTAs)

- Requires the Department of Medicaid to use State and FED appropriations in the amendment to make payments to Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) following the end of litigation. Requires payment, for facilities who have not undergone a change of ownership, to occur without delay

- Makes changes to a GRF appropriation in the Operating Budget (House Bill 96 136th GA) relative to 3D Ultrasound equipment to allow these dollars and equipment to be integrated into existing 2D systems

- Authorizes the conveyance of the State of Ohio Computer Center (SOCC)

- Adds new GRF $187K in FY 27 for the Participating in Victory of Transition (PIVOT) diversion program in Seneca, Hancock & Wood counties

- Repeals a townships ability to impose admission fees for qualifying venues enacted in House Bill 315 – 135th G.A.

- Corrects provisions of House Bill 335 – 136th G.A. to treat taxing jurisdictions whose boundaries are in multiple counties and have differing re-appraisal years as a single unit rather than separate taxing jurisdictions relative to the Inflation Cap Credit and makes other related changes

- Makes a revenue neutral change to the Appalachian Assistance line in the Ohio Department of Development enacted in the Operating Budget (House Bill 96 136th G.A.) adding dollars for a high demand healthcare program at Marietta College

- Makes a revenue neutral change relative to a previous Capital Budget (House Bill 687 - 134th G.A.) making $3.25M in GRF available for local road construction around the Intel Development

- Starts a 12-month time frame for TAX to review and approve an application for exemptions using Tax increment financing (TIF) and makes other related timing changes

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- Adds $3.46M in new GRF in FY 27 for Dredge material relocation areas (DMRAs) at three state parks (Lake Loramie, Lake Logan and Grand Lake St. Mary's)

- Narrows a provision in the Operating Budget (House Bill 96 136th G.A.) concerning the type of financial information that is confidential and not a public record for applicants of local financial assistance

- Makes various conforming changes to how the Expedited Local Partnership Program (ELPP) operates to aid districts participating in the program

- Corrects a calculation in House Bill 335 – 136th G.A. to ensure the 920-reduction factor calculation and the inflation cap credit calculation work together and clear up any conflict between the two. Additionally, adjusts the timelines for these calculations to ease implementation

- Conforms Ohio law's law relative to Opportunity Zones to January 1, 2027's implementation of federal changes, but also allows zones who are losing federal status to continue under Ohio law through the completion of the project or December 31, 2028 and makes minor changes to application windows and other changes

- LSC Title Amendment

- Note: The underlying provisions of House Bill 479 are unchanged