

Sub. H. B. No. 730

As Passed by the House

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In the table on line 42, after row F insert:

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FederalFund Group				
3IV0	440694	Ohio Rural Health Innovation Hubs/Clinically Integrated Networks	\$92,000,000	\$92,000,000
3IV0	440696	Ohio Rural School Based Health Centers	\$21,180,000	\$21,180,000
3IV0	4406A2	OhioSEE Rural Expansion	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
3IV0	4406A3	Rural Hospital Training and Technical Assistance Center	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
3IV0	4406A4	Rural Health Workforce Pipeline and Development Projects	\$12,540,990	\$12,540,990



3IV0	4406A5	Healthier Ohio Initiatives	\$16,687,000	\$16,687,000
3IV0	4406A6	Rural Ohio Emergency Care/EMS Transformation	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
3IV0	4406A7	Pharmacy Electronic Medical Records Access	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
3IV0	4406A8	Rural Maternal and Child Health	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
3IV0	4406A9	Rural Health Equipment and Supplies	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000
3IV0	4406B1	Rural Health Program Implementation	\$2,122,272	\$2,122,272
Federal Fund Group Total			\$202,030,262	\$202,030,262

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In the table on line 42, in row G, column 4, delete "\$290,816" and 5
insert "\$202,321,078"; column 5, delete "\$308,264" and insert 6
"\$202,338,526" 7

After line 42, insert: 8

"Section 218.15. OHIO RURAL HEALTH INNOVATION 9
HUBS/CLINICALLY INTEGRATED NETWORKS 10

(A) Of the foregoing appropriation item 440694, Ohio Rural 11
Health Innovation Hubs/Clinically Integrated Networks, 12
\$61,695,461 in each fiscal year may be used for Rural Health 13
Innovation HUBS/Clinically Integrated Networks. The Director of 14
Health shall develop a scoring system that does both of the 15
following: 16

- (1) Awards additional points to facilities already 17

operating or proposing to open or reopen a maternity unit within 18
a rural hospital when awards are awarded; and 19

(2) Requires that at least \$30,300,000 in each fiscal year 20
be awarded to applicants proposing qualifying projects 21
associated with a new or existing maternity unit within a rural 22
hospital. 23

(B) (1) Of the foregoing appropriation item 440694, Ohio 24
Rural Health Innovation Hubs/Clinically Integrated Networks, 25
\$30,304,539 in fiscal year 2026 awards shall be used to evenly 26
award funding to rural hospitals. The Department of Health shall 27
develop a list of hospitals that will receive funding and seek 28
Controlling Board approval before any funds are awarded. 29

(2) Any hospital, hospital system, or health facility that 30
receives a fiscal year 2026 award described in (B) (1) of this 31
section is prohibited from receiving any remaining funding from 32
fiscal year 2026 awards in appropriation item 440694, Ohio Rural 33
Health Innovation Hubs/Clinically Integrated Networks. 34

RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION FUND 35

When awarding funds from the Rural Health Transformation 36
Fund (Fund 3IV0), which is hereby created in the state treasury, 37
the Director of Health shall give preference to independent 38
rural-based applicants and those applicants located in rural 39
Ohio with affiliation agreements. 40

RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION FUND REAPPROPRIATIONS 41

Amounts equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portions of 42
appropriations from the Rural Health Transformation Fund (Fund 43
3IV0) at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby reappropriated 44
for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027." 45

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

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Department of Health	47
Sections 218.10 and 218.15	48
Creates the Rural Health Transformation Fund (Fund 3IV0)	49
in the state treasury and requires the Director of Health, when	50
awarding money from the fund, to give preference to independent	51
rural-based applicants and those applicants located in rural	52
Ohio with affiliation agreements. Establishes the following ALIs	53
under the fund with the following appropriations in each fiscal	54
year (total appropriations are \$202,030,262 in each fiscal	55
year):	56
-440694, Ohio Rural Health Innovation Hubs/Clinically	57
Integrated Networks, \$92,000,000;	58
-440696, Ohio Rural School Based Health Centers,	59
\$21,180,000;	60
-4406A2, OhioSEE Rural Expansion, \$25,000,000;	61
-4406A3, Rural Hospital Training and Technical Assistance	62
Center, \$1,000,000;	63
-4406A4, Rural Health Workforce Pipeline and Development	64
Projects, \$12,540,990;	65
-4406A5, Healthier Ohio Initiatives, \$16,687,000;	66
-4406A6, Rural Ohio Emergency Care/EMS Transformation,	67
\$12,000,000;	68
-4406A7, Pharmacy Electronic Medical Records Access,	69

\$3,500,000;	70
-4406A8, Rural Maternal and Child Health, \$7,000,000;	71
-4406A9, Rural Health Equipment and Supplies, \$9,000,000;	72
and	73
-4406B1, Rural Health Program Implementation, \$2,122,272.	74
Permits \$61,695,461 in each fiscal year in DPF ALI 440694,	75
Ohio Rural Health Innovation Hubs/Clinically Integrated	76
Networks, to be used for Rural Health Innovation HUBS/Clinically	77
Integrated Networks. Requires the ODH Director to develop a	78
scoring system that does the following: (1) awards additional	79
points for facilities that are operating or proposing to open or	80
reopen a maternity unit within a rural hospital when awards are	81
awarded and (2) requires that at least \$30,300,000 in each	82
fiscal year be awarded to applicants proposing qualifying	83
projects associated with a new or existing maternity unit within	84
a rural hospital.	85
Earmarks \$30,304,539 in FY 2026 awards in ALI 440694 to be	86
used to evenly award funding to rural hospitals. Requires ODH to	87
develop a list of hospitals that will receive funding and seek	88
Controlling Board approval before any funds are awarded.	89
Prohibits any entity that receives a FY 2026 award from	90
receiving any remaining funding from FY 2026 awards under ALI	91
440694.	92
Reappropriates the available balance of appropriations	93
from Fund 3IV0 at the end of FY 2026 for the same purpose in FY	94
2027.	95