

# AN ACT

To amend sections 9.66, 122.84, 303.12, 306.43, 319.301, 323.152, 519.12, 1901.186, 3318.36, 3318.363, 4503.065, 4773.10, 4774.08, 4774.10, 5502.75, 5705.31, 5705.316, 5713.08, 5715.23, and 5715.27; to amend, for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses, section 5502.75 (5119.74); to enact sections 4723.37, 4773.062, 4774.101, 5119.75, 5119.76, 5119.77, and 5119.78; and to repeal section 503.54 of the Revised Code; to amend Sections 223.20, 259.10, ~~259.20~~, 337.10, 337.90, 423.106, and 513.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly, Section 359.10 of H.B. 730 of the 136th General Assembly, and Section 223.10 of S.B. 450 of the 136th General Assembly; and to amend Section 223.10 of S.B. 450 of the 136th General Assembly contingent on S.B. 450 of the 136th General Assembly becoming law to make appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:*

SECTION 1. That sections 9.66, 122.84, 303.12, 306.43, 319.301, 323.152, 519.12, 1901.186, 3318.36, 3318.363, 4503.065, 4773.10, 4774.08, 4774.10, 5502.75, 5705.31, 5705.316, 5713.08, 5715.23, and 5715.27 be amended; section 5502.75 (5119.74) be amended for the purpose of adopting a new section number as indicated in parentheses; and sections 4723.37, 4773.062, 4774.101, 5119.75, 5119.76, 5119.77, and 5119.78 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 9.66. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Economic development assistance" means all of the following:

(a) The programs and assistance provided or administered by the department of development under Chapters 122. and 166. of the Revised Code and any other section of the Revised Code under which the department provides or administers economic development assistance;

(b) The programs and assistance provided or administered by a political subdivision under Chapters 725. and 1728. and sections 3735.67 to 3735.70, 5709.40 to 5709.43, 5709.61 to 5709.69, 5709.73 to 5709.75, and 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code and any other section of the Revised Code under which a political subdivision provides economic development assistance;

(c) Assistance provided under any other section of the Revised Code under which the state or a state agency provides or administers economic development assistance;

(d) The tax credit authorized by section 5725.31, 5729.07, or 5733.42 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Liability" means any of the following:

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SECTION 11. Within the limits set forth in this act, the Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all applicable provisions of, H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

SECTION 12. That Sections 223.20, 259.10, <sup>RMD</sup>~~259.20~~, 337.10, 337.90, 423.106, and 513.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 223.20. AUDIT MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 070401, Audit Management and Services, shall be used pursuant to section 117.13 of the Revised Code to support costs of the Auditor of State that are not recovered through charges to local governments and state entities, including costs that cannot be recovered from audit clients under federal indirect cost allocation guidelines. This appropriation item also shall be used to cover costs of the Local Government Services Section that are not charged to clients.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 070401, Audit Management and Services, \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be used to conduct an audit in accordance with Section 751.170 of ~~this act~~ H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly. An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of appropriation item 070401, Audit Management and Services, earmarked to conduct an audit in accordance with Section 751.170 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly at the end of fiscal year 2026 is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027.

PERFORMANCE AUDITS

The foregoing appropriation item 070402, Performance Audits, shall be used pursuant to section 117.13 of the Revised Code to support costs of the Auditor of State related to the provision of performance audits for local governments, school districts, state agencies, and colleges and universities that are not recovered through charges to those entities, including costs that cannot be recovered from audit clients under federal indirect cost allocation guidelines.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 070402, Performance Audits, up to \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be used to conduct a performance audit of indigent defense services within Ohio. The performance audit shall review the challenges of the delivery of indigent defense services, including, but not limited to, the costs, accounting, and payment processes of the Office of the Public Defender and at least five counties that represent each of the various indigent defense delivery methods in the state. The audit shall be completed and a report submitted to the President and Minority Leader of the Senate and to the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2027. An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of appropriation item 070402, Performance Audits, earmarked to conduct a performance audit of indigent defense services within Ohio at the end of fiscal year 2026 is hereby reappropriated to the

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CE	3IC0	1956E1	Early-Stage Focus Fund	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
CF	3IC0	1956E2	Community Development Financial Institution Loan Participation	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
CG	3IC0	1956E3	Collateral Enhancement Program	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
CH	3IC0	1956H5	State Small Business Credit Initiative Technical Assistance	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
CI	3IF0	1956E4	Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program	\$793,000,000	\$0
CJ	3IF0	1956E5	Broadband Digital Equity Acts Program	\$23,800,000	\$476,000
CK	3IM0	195582	Home-Owner Managing Energy Savings Rebate Program	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
CL	3IM0	195583	High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
CM	3K80	195613	Community Development Block Grant	\$57,500,000	\$57,500,000
CN	3K90	195611	Home Energy Assistance Block Grant	\$180,000,000	\$0
CO	3K90	195614	HEAP Weatherization	\$44,000,000	\$0
CP	3L00	195612	Community Services Block Grant	\$32,000,000	\$0
CQ	3V10	195601	HOME Program	\$53,750,000	\$53,750,000
CR	Federal Fund Group Total			\$1,375,101,691	\$216,713,916
CS	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$2,467,452,667	\$710,264,244
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Sec. 259.20. COAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 195402, Coal Research and Development Program, shall be used for the operating expenses of the Community Services Division in support of the Ohio Coal

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**MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

The foregoing appropriation item 195405, Minority Business Development, shall be used to support the activities of the Minority Business Development Division, including providing grants to local nonprofit organizations to support economic development activities that promote minority business development, in conjunction with local organizations funded through appropriation item 195454, Small Business and Export Assistance.

**HELPING OHIOANS STAY IN THEIR HOMES**

The foregoing appropriation item 195406, Helping Ohioans Stay in their Homes, shall be granted to People Working Cooperatively for the Safe and Healthy at Home Initiative.

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

The foregoing appropriation item 195415, Business Development Services, shall be used for the operating expenses of the Office of Strategic Business Investments and the regional economic development offices.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195415, Business Development Services, \$1,550,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,450,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be allocated to Development Projects, Inc., for economic development programs and the creation of new jobs to leverage and support mission gains at Department of Defense and related facilities in Ohio by working with future base realignment and closure activities and ongoing Department of Defense efficiency and partnership initiatives, assisting efforts to secure Department of Defense support contracts for Ohio companies, assessing and supporting regional job and workforce development needs generated by the Department of Defense and the Ohio aerospace industry, promoting technology transfer to Ohio businesses, and for expanding job training and economic development programs in human performance and cyber security-related initiatives.

**REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE**

The foregoing appropriation item 195426, Redevelopment Assistance, shall be used to fund the costs of administering the energy, redevelopment, and other revitalization programs that may be implemented, and may be used to match federal grant funding.

**TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS AND GRANTS**

The foregoing appropriation item 195453, Technology Programs and Grants, shall be used for operating expenses incurred in administering the Ohio Third Frontier Programs and other technology focused programs that may be implemented.

**SMALL BUSINESS AND EXPORT ASSISTANCE**

The foregoing appropriation item 195454, Small Business and Export Assistance, may be used to provide a range of business assistance, including grants to local organizations to support economic development activities that promote small business development, entrepreneurship, and exports of Ohio's goods and services, in conjunction with local organizations funded through appropriation item 195405, Minority Business Development. The foregoing appropriation item shall

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 also be used as matching funds for grants from the United States Small Business Administration and other federal agencies, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 96-302 as amended by Pub. L. No. 98-395, and regulations and policy guidelines for the programs pursuant thereto.

#### APPALACHIA ASSISTANCE

The foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, may be used for the administrative costs of planning and liaison activities for the Governor's Office of Appalachia, to provide financial assistance to projects in Ohio's Appalachian counties, to support four local development districts, and to pay dues for the Appalachian Regional Commission. These funds may be used to match federal funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission. Programs funded through the appropriation item shall be identified and recommended by the local development districts and approved by the Governor's Office of Appalachia. The Department of Development shall conduct compliance and regulatory review of the programs recommended by the local development districts. Moneys allocated under the appropriation item may be used to fund projects including, but not limited to, those designated by the local development districts as community investment and rapid response projects.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, in each fiscal year, \$210,000 shall be allocated to the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, \$210,000 shall be allocated to the Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association, \$210,000 shall be allocated to the Buckeye Hills Regional Council, and \$210,000 shall be allocated to the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Local development districts receiving funding under this section shall use the funds for the implementation and administration of programs and duties under section 107.21 of the Revised Code.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, in each fiscal year, \$1,000,000 shall be allocated to Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service to work on behalf of the Mayor's Partnership for Progress.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to Shawnee State University to support its Civic and Culture Program for Appalachia.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, \$375,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be used in coordination with the Ohio History Connection to celebrate and recognize the Northwest Ordinance Commemoration.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$875,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Veterans and First Responders Appalachian Assistance Program. The Director of the Department of Development, in coordination with the Director of the Department of Veterans Services, shall set criteria for distributing funding under the Veterans and First Responders Appalachian Assistance Program.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Appalachian Ohio Manufacturers Coalition, ~~to create a pilot program~~ The above boxed and initialed text was disapproved.

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program in Meigs, Athens, Morgan, Noble, Monroe, and Washington counties to reduce barriers of workforce reentry for individuals who have graduated from behavioral health recovery programs. The program shall be jointly developed and administered with the Appalachian Children Coalition, in consultation with the Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, \$750,000 in each fiscal year 2026 shall be allocated to the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, \$1,300,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be allocated to Marietta College to establish curricula and programs to train high demand professions in healthcare. Prior to the expenditure of this amount, the Director of Development shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management canceled encumbrances from existing General Revenue Fund appropriations in the Department of Development budget equal to at least \$550,000.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, \$375,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to FosterHub in Hocking County.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, in each fiscal year, \$250,000 shall be allocated to Integrated Services for Behavioral Health to support a behavioral health emergency pilot program.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, in each fiscal year, \$100,000 shall be allocated to the Tuscarawas County Commissioners for the Tuscarawas County Growth Initiative.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, in each fiscal year, \$150,000 shall be allocated to the City of Athens for a southeast Ohio regional agricultural initiative.

**CDBG OPERATING MATCH**

The foregoing appropriation item 195497, CDBG Operating Match, shall be used as matching funds for grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and regulations and policy guidelines for the programs pursuant thereto.

**BSD FEDERAL PROGRAMS MATCH**

The foregoing appropriation item 195499, BSD Federal Programs Match, shall be used as matching funds for grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program and Department of Defense APEX Accelerator Program, and other federal agencies, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 96-302 as amended by Pub. L. No. 98-395, and regulations and policy guidelines for the programs pursuant thereto. The appropriation item shall also be used for operating expenses of the Business Services Division.

**RESIDENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PROGRAM**

The foregoing appropriation item 1954A7, Residential Economic Development District Program, shall be used to issue grants to support workforce housing development under section 122.636 of the Revised Code.

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An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of appropriation item 1954A7, Residential Economic Development District Program, at the end of fiscal year 2026 is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be granted to Baldwin Wallace University to expand the Northeast Ohio Flight Information Exchange (NEOFIX) and support development of flight information exchanges in other communities in Ohio.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be granted to the Mahoning Valley Scrappers for stadium maintenance and improvements.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be granted to NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts and Technology to support at-risk adult learner healthcare professional certification and job placement.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be granted to Neighborhood Alliance to support the homeless shelter in Lorain County.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be granted to the city of Coshocton to design and construct a water line extension to serve the village of Warsaw and the River View School.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$250,000 in each fiscal year shall be granted to Freedom a la Cart to support workforce initiatives and programs for human trafficking survivors.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$85,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be granted to the Stark County Minority Business Association to support the development and operation of the Kirk Schuring Business Development Center and Innovation Hub.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$45,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for the installation of baby boxes at local fire departments. Under this program, the Director of Development shall select one local fire department in each of Geauga, Lake, and Portage counties to grant \$15,000 for the installation of baby boxes.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$15,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be granted to the Village of Grand River for sidewalk improvements and repairs.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, \$10,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be granted to the Salem Worlds War Memorial Building Association to support the development of a job training center.

**OHIO-ISRAEL AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVE**

The foregoing appropriation item 195537, Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative, shall be used for the Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative. The appropriation shall not be used for travel and The above boxed and initialed text was disapproved.

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entertainment expenses incurred under the initiative.

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SECTOR PARTNERSHIP NETWORKS

The foregoing appropriation item 195553, Industry Sector Partnerships, shall be used for the grant program described in section 122.179 of the Revised Code.

TECHCRED PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 195556, TechCred Program, shall be used for the programs described under sections 122.178, 122.1710, 122.1712, and 122.1713 of the Revised Code.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195595, Workforce Development Grants, \$133,333 in each fiscal year shall be granted to Apollo Career and Technical Center to support the Ohio Oil and Gas Career Jumpstart Program.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195595, Workforce Development Grants, \$133,333 in each fiscal year shall be granted to Mahoning Career and Technical Center to support the Ohio Oil and Gas Career Jumpstart Program.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195595, Workforce Development Grants, \$133,333 in each fiscal year shall be granted to Washington County Career Center to support the Ohio Oil and Gas Career Jumpstart Program.

Sec. 337.10.

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A	MHA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	336321	Program Support and Operations	\$56,671,000	\$56,671,000
D	GRF	336402	Resident Trainees	\$380,000	\$380,000
E	GRF	336406	Prevention and Wellness	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
F	GRF	336407	Crisis Services and Stabilization	\$17,000,000	\$22,000,000
G	GRF	336412	Hospital Services	\$326,500,000	\$335,000,000
H	GRF	336415	Mental Health Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments	\$27,500,000	\$24,200,000
I	GRF	336421	Continuum of Care Services	\$104,080,000	\$104,080,000

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5163.04 of the Revised Code, the cash balance of the General Revenue Fund on June 30, 2025, and ~~on June 30, 2026,~~ shall remain in the General Revenue Fund.

(B) On July 1, 2026, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall calculate the surplus cash balance of the General Revenue Fund on June 30, 2026, which shall be equal to the unencumbered cash balance minus the following:

(1) One-half of one per cent of General Revenue Fund revenues for fiscal year 2026;

(2) The excess, if any, of the estimated General Revenue Fund appropriations and transfers for fiscal year 2027, which shall include the most recent adjusted appropriations made by the General Assembly, appropriations signed by the Governor, but not yet effective, and appropriations transferred from fiscal year 2026, over the estimated General Revenue Fund revenue for fiscal year 2027.

(C) Notwithstanding section 131.44 of the Revised Code and except as provided in section 5163.04 of the Revised Code, upon calculating the surplus cash balance under division (B) of this section, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer the surplus cash balance as follows:

(1) First, up to \$35,000,000 cash to the Budget Stabilization Fund (Fund 7013) to bring the cash balance of Fund 7013 to at least \$4,000,000,000;

(2) Second, \$320,000,000 cash to the Expanded Sales Tax Holiday Fund (Fund 5AX1);

(3) Third, \$350,000,000 cash to the Property Tax Relief Fund (Fund 5EA1), which is hereby created in the state treasury;

(4) Fourth, \$310,000,000 cash to the Health and Human Services Fund (Fund 5SA4);

(5) Fifth, \$200,000,000 cash to the Debt Service Reduction Fund (Fund 5DY1), which is hereby created in the state treasury.

Any surplus cash balance remaining after these transfers shall remain in the General Revenue Fund.

(D) Notwithstanding section 5739.41 and division (B)(2) of section 131.44 of the Revised Code, the sales tax holiday authorized to be held pursuant to those sections in 2027 shall be held for fifteen days from August 1, 2027, through August 15, 2027.

(E) Fund 5DY1 shall be used by the Director of Budget and Management to transfer cash as needed to funds used to support appropriations made in the capital appropriations act of the 136th General Assembly, in lieu of issuing debt to support those appropriations. Fund 5DY1 may also be used to retire existing debt, if the Director of Budget and Management determines such a retirement is financially advantageous to the state.

(F) Fund 5EA1 shall be used by the Tax Commissioner to make payments under Section 19 of H.B. 479 of the 136th General Assembly. An amount necessary to make those payments and up to \$500,000 for implementation costs are hereby appropriated from Fund 5EA1.

SECTION 13. That existing Sections 223.20, 259.10, RMD  
259.20, 337.10, 337.90, 423.106, and 513.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly are hereby repealed. The above boxed and initialed text was disapproved.

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