

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

VETO MESSAGE

**STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE VETO OF ITEM IN
AMENDED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NUMBER 479**

June 24, 2026

Pursuant to Article II, Section 16, of the Ohio Constitution, which states that the Governor may disapprove of any item in a bill appropriating money, I hereby disapprove of the following item in Amended Substitute House Bill 479 and set forth the following reasons for so doing, as in the public interest. The text I disapprove of is identified in this message by reference to the corresponding page and boxed text of the bill.

ITEM NUMBER 1

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, "259.20,".

On page 63, delete the following boxed text, "259.20,".

On page 69, delete the boxed text beginning with "Sec. 259.20. COAL..." and ending with "... of the Ohio Coal".

On page 70, delete the boxed text.

On page 71, delete the boxed text.

On page 72, delete the boxed text.

On page 73, delete the boxed text.

On page 74, delete the boxed text beginning with "entertainment expenses incurred..." and ending with "... Gas Career Jumpstart Program.".

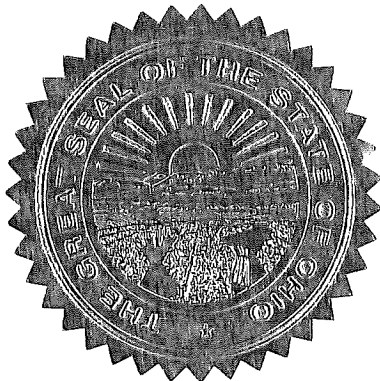
On page 78, delete the following boxed text, "259.20,".

Funding to Appropriation Item 195455

This item would terminate previously appropriated funding to the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia. This funding termination would disrupt economic development related to the Baileys Trail System that is already in progress. In my time as Governor, I have worked to foster the economic development of Ohio's outdoor recreation sector, and this item would unnecessarily harm this development in the Appalachian region of Ohio.

Therefore, the veto of this item is in the public interest.

Additionally, I am instructing the Ohio Department of Development to distribute the additional \$550,000.00 in the Appalachia Assistance appropriation item to Marietta College to establish curricula and programs to train high demand professions in healthcare.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this 24th day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

Mike DeWine
Mike DeWine, Governor

This will acknowledge the receipt of a copy of this veto message of Amended Substitute House Bill 479 that was disapproved in part by Governor Mike DeWine on June 24, 2026.

Ali Sagnal, Assistant Clerk
Name and Title of Officer

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