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SUMMARY

- Requires the Treasurer of State to deposit all federal mineral royalties received from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue into the Federal Mineral Royalty Clearing Fund created by the bill.
- Requires the Director of the Office of Budget and Management to transfer royalties deposited in the fund to each county where a federal mineral royalty is attributable.
- Allows money received by a county to be appropriated by the board of county commissioners for specific purposes.
- Clarifies that a federal mineral royalty is not a forest product.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Federal Mineral Royalty Clearing Fund

The bill requires the Treasurer of State to deposit all federal mineral royalties received from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Natural Resources Revenue into the Federal Mineral Royalty Clearing Fund created by the bill. A federal mineral royalty is Ohio's share of payments received under federal law from oil, gas, or other mineral production on federal lands within Ohio, including national forest system lands.

Within 30 days after each deposit, the Director of the Office and Budget Management must transfer payments deposited in the fund to each county where a federal mineral royalty is attributable.[1] The board of county commissioners may appropriate the money a county receives solely for one of the following purposes:

[1] R.C. 131.52(A) and (B).

- Planning;
- Construction and maintenance of public facilities;
- Provision of public services.[2]

The bill also clarifies that a federal mineral royalty is not a forest product and therefore not subject to distribution in the same manner as money received by the state from the sale of national forest timber and other national forest products.[3]

HISTORY

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[2] R.C. 131.52(C).

[3] R.C. 1503.35.