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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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H.B. 434 of the 136th General Assembly

Senate Finance

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Budget corrections

The Senate Finance committee added the following provisions to the bill to make corrections to H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly and H.B. 2 of the 135th General Assembly.

TMUD tax credit transfers

- Modifies the procedure for transferring a transformational mixed-use development (TMUD) tax credit.¹

Water pipe grant metrics

- Removes from the Workforce Housing Project Grant Program the grant metric that favored polyvinyl chloride water pipe over ductile iron.²

OBM authority to award funds for cultural facilities

- Removes the authority of the Office of Budget and Management to award funds (made up of unclaimed funds that have escheated to the state) to organizations to construct or renovate Ohio cultural facilities.³

Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund

- Clarifies that, beginning January 15, 2027, funds from any case brought or joined by the Attorney General to recompense for damages to the state by the opioid crisis must be remitted for deposit into the Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund.⁴

¹ R.C. 122.09.

² R.C. 122.636.

³ R.C. 123.282 and 123.283; Section 3, amending Section 229.40 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

⁴ R.C. 126.67; Section 3, amending Section 221.30 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

Eligibility for local option homestead exemption

- Modifies the eligibility requirements of a local option homestead exemption to align with the state homestead exemption.⁵

Court special projects fund

- Permits fees collected by a municipal, county, common pleas, or appeals court for special projects of the court to be used for training or education that takes place within the continental United States, rather than just within the state.⁶

Law enforcement tows

- Requires the payment of towing and storage fees for vehicles ordered towed by law enforcement in all circumstances with no exceptions.⁷

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program error rate

- Requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to establish a methodology and technical system to determine payment error rates within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- Requires ODJFS to consult specified stakeholders in establishing the system and to consult the chairpersons of the finance committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate prior to implementation.
- Requires ODJFS to provide quarterly updates regarding SNAP payment error rates.⁸

Corrective Medicaid change

- Removes a reference to the former Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee.⁹

Property tax abatement

- Permits a charitable organization to temporarily apply for an abatement of delinquent property taxes on conservation and preservation property owned by the applicant without regard to continuing law's payment limitations.¹⁰

Corrective income tax changes

- Corrects two referencing errors in the Income Tax Law.¹¹

⁵ R.C. 319.304; Section 12.

⁶ R.C. 1901.26, 1907.24, 2303.201, and 2501.16.

⁷ R.C. 4513.60, 4513.61, and 4513.66.

⁸ R.C. 5101.546 and 5101.98; Section 10.

⁹ R.C. 5119.89.

¹⁰ Section 11.

¹¹ R.C. 5747.01(A)(21) and (44); Section 13.

Disadvantaged pupil impact aid

- Redefines a “newly opened community school” for disadvantaged pupil impact aid calculations in FYs 2026 and 2027 as a community school that was not open in FY 2025.
- Prohibits the calculated average daily membership (ADM) of economically disadvantaged students for school districts, JVSs, STEM schools, and community schools that are not newly opened community schools for FYs 2026 and 2027 from exceeding the school’s enrolled ADM for that fiscal year.¹²

Appropriations

See the following table for the appropriations changes added by Senate Finance Committee.

Sub. H.B. 434 appropriations	
Agency	Purpose
Department of Administrative Services	Changes the name of Fund 7016 from “Lorain County MARCS Tower/Sheffield Lake” to “Lorain County MARCS Tower/Sheffield Village.” ¹³
Department of Aging	Earmarks \$2,150,000 in FY 2026 and FY 2027 in Alzheimer’s and Other Dementia Respite for the area agencies on aging. ¹⁴
Attorney General	Decreases an ALI used by the Attorney General for operating expenses by \$1,155,000 in FY 2026 and FY 2027. Reduces the associated earmark from that ALI by that same amount (from \$4,505,000 to \$3,350,000), and adjusts the use of that earmarked funding for the delivery of technology services to courts throughout Ohio, including the provision of hardware, software, and the development and implementation of educational and training programs for judges and court personnel. Clarifies that at the request of the Administrative Director of the Ohio Supreme Court and the Attorney General, or their designees, the Director of Budget and Management must cancel any existing encumbrances, against an ALI for Ohio Courts Technology Initiative that is used by the Supreme Court, and reestablish them against the operating expenses ALI. Reestablishes the ALI Ohio Courts Technology Initiative and appropriates \$1,155,000 in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 (as used by the Judiciary/Supreme Court).

¹² Section 3, amending Section 265.215 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

¹³ Section 5, amending Sec. 363.10 of H.B. 2 of the 135th General Assembly, as subsequently amended.

¹⁴ Section 3, amending Sec. 209.30 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

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	Requires the appropriated amounts to be used to fund an initiative by the Supreme Court to facilitate the exchange of information and warehousing of data by and between courts and other justice system partners through the maintenance of an Ohio Courts Network. ¹⁵
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Eliminates an ALI for Peer Support Program. (This ALI was erroneously left in H.B. 96 of the 136 th General Assembly after language transferring the Peer Support Program from the Department of Behavioral Health to the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board was removed.) ¹⁶
Department of Behavioral Health	Modifies an existing earmark of \$100,000 in capital line item Community Support by changing the project from the “Mansfield Domestic Violence Shelter Child Advocacy Center Renovation” to the “Mansfield Champions for Children Child Advocacy Center.” ¹⁷
Department of Children and Youth	Reduces ALI Adoption Grant Program by \$10,550,000 in FY 2026. Earmarks \$10,550,000 in FY 2026 in TANF Block Grant to administer grants to adoptive parents through the Adoption Grant Program. ¹⁸
Department of Development	Appropriates \$6,100,000 in FY 2026 and earmarks it for the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority. Appropriates \$1,200,000 in FY 2027 to administer the All Ohio Future Fund. ¹⁹
Department of Education and Workforce	Increases ALI Educator and Principal Preparation by \$2,000,000 in FY 2026 and FY 2027 and earmarks the same amounts from that ALI for Teach for America to support corps member recruitment, teacher training, and the ongoing development and impact of Teach for America alumni working in Ohio. ²⁰
Department of Health	Makes changes to an existing earmark of \$7,800,000 in FY 2026 and FY 2027 in Federal Public Health Programs for Ohio Adolescent Health Centers to allow

¹⁵ Section 3, amending Secs. 221.10, 221.40, 317.10, and 317.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

¹⁶ Section 3, amending Sec. 237.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

¹⁷ Section 3, amending Sec. 221.15 of H.B. 2 of the 135th General Assembly, as subsequently amended.

¹⁸ Section 3, amending Secs. 423.10 and 423.220 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

¹⁹ Section 8.

²⁰ Section 3, amending Secs. 265.10 and 265.110 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

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	any other eligible ALIs in the Department of Health's budget, except for GRF ALIs, to also be used to support the earmark. ²¹
Department of Higher Education	Repurposes a \$100,000 earmark in FY 2026 under Program and Project Support from Ashland University's Ashbrook Center civics education K-12 teacher training and student learning initiative to Ashland University. ²²
Department of Job and Family Services	Appropriates \$10,550,000 in FY 2026 in Job and Family Services Program Support and requires funds to be used for updates to the Ohio Benefits system to reduce county and state SNAP payment error rates. Requires the Director of Job and Family Services to certify the available balance of the appropriation to be reappropriated for FY 2027 and appropriates the amount certified. Increases an appropriation for Program Operations by \$14,779,030 in FY 2027. Increases an appropriation for federal Food Assistance Programs by \$10,550,000 in FY 2026 and \$7,389,515 in FY 2027.²³
Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	Redirects reappropriations of \$250,000 from an ALI for Greater Cleveland Food Bank, and \$750,000 from that same ALI, both in the budget of Cuyahoga Community College, to an earmark of \$1,000,000 for the Greater Cleveland Foodbank under the reappropriation of an ALI for Cultural and Sports Facilities Projects in the budget of the Commission. ²⁴

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²¹ Section 3, amending Sec. 291.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

²² Section 3, amending Sec. 381.410 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

²³ Section 3, amending Secs. 307.10 and 307.70 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.

²⁴ Section 5, amending Secs. 357.10, 387.10, and 387.13 of H.B. 2 of the 135th General Assembly, as subsequently amended.