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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Ritter and Bird

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill creates an accounting procedure to specifically receive and disburse mineral royalty payments received from the federal government.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates a specific procedure for the receipt and disbursement of mineral royalty payments received from the federal government. Under the bill, the Treasurer of State would deposit all federal mineral royalties into the newly created Federal Mineral Royalty Fund, a custodial fund not subject to appropriations. The bill requires the Director of Budget and Management, within 30 days of each deposit, to transfer payments to each county where a federal mineral royalty is attributable.

Under the current procedures mineral royalty payments received from the federal government are deposited into either the federal Forest Pass-Through Fund (Fund 3B30) or the federal Flood Pass-Through Fund (Fund 3B40), both overseen by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), depending on the location attributable to the mineral royalties received. Fund 3B30 receives mineral royalty payments from national forest lands. It also receives a portion of the proceeds from the sale of timber products from national forests. In addition to these payments, Fund 3B30 receives grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture under their Secure Schools grants. Fund 3B40 receives mineral royalties from land leased by the federal government that is not in a national forest, for example, flood plains leased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Money received by ODNR in these funds is then disbursed to the counties attributable to the payments received. The table on the following pages shows the amounts disbursed to the counties over the time period beginning with FY 2017 and ending as of October 24, 2025.

Disbursements to Counties from Fund 3B30 and Fund 3B40, FY 2017-YTD FY 2026
As of October 24, 2025

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Adams	$512	$495	$556	$630	$502	$271	$382	$488	$383	$459	**$4,677**
Athens	$37,434	$165,165	$8,193	$65,723	$73,830	$69,004	$35,676	$81,848	$19,707		**$556,580**
Brown	$1,801	$1,765	$2,794	$1,527	$457	$169	$642	$664	$616	$600	**$11,036**
Coshocton	$135	$172	$200	$173	$64						**$744**
Delaware		$39		$35	$65	$40	$50	$45			**$275**
Gallia	$34,491	$147,901	$7,497	$55,941	$57,008	$55,976	$51,683	$31,499	$18,523		**$460,518**
Greene						$200					**$200**
Hocking	$52,198	$225,423	$11,432	$84,408	$87,809	$87,368	$102,893	$47,060	$27,396		**$725,988**
Jackson	$3,407	$14,887	$748	$5,740	$6,257	$5,817	$7,103	$3,564	$1,769		**$49,293**
Jefferson	$1,647	$1,714	$1,598	$1,573	$1,122	$1,095	$750	$971	$1,215	$508	**$12,191**
Lawrence	$120,909	$557,829		$193,503	$124,413	$185,918	$220,080	$75,004	$71,241		**$1,548,897**
Licking	$920	$2,491		$2,851	$728	$1,333	$1,256	$2,222	$1,062		**$12,863**
Mahoning	$17,838	$24,038	$3,796	$22,032	$22,382	$33,579	$42,910	$23,939	$23,959		**$214,473**
Monroe	$48,818	$221,253	$10,678	$88,540	$91,306	$93,595	$99,701	$49,015	$25,735		**$728,640**
Montgomery			$159								**$159**
Morgan	$6,688	$30,508	$1,463	$12,290	$13,936	$606	$6,372	$14,303	$3,523		**$89,689**
Noble	$1,396	$6,238	$305	$2,945	$3,531	$2,955	$3,406	$2,049	$740		**$23,564**
Perry	$44,529	$193,217	$9,741	$73,157	$77,455	$74,217	$42,416	$86,192	$23,435		**$624,360**
Portage	$51,300	$75,600	$20,257	$107,095	$105,096	$36,984	$192,682	$136,011	$75,514		**$800,540**

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Scioto	$23,767	$103,077	$5,532	$38,368	$38,304	$38,094	$22,261	$44,858	$13,539		**$327,800**
Stark	$3,528	$6,280	$376	$8,665	$4,150	$5,720	$9,237	$3,752	$2,923		**$44,632**
Trumbull	$13,212	$21,252	$4,041	$28,940	$18,321	$25,896	$35,409	$13,516	$5,052	$8,543	**$174,181**
Tuscarawas				$119	$229			$460	$230	$230	**$1,268**
Vinton	$3,757	$16,889	$822	$6,859	$7,751	$6,723	$7,942	$4,093	$1,982		**$56,818**
Washington	$79,035	$331,303	$17,309	$120,328	$114,668	$127,206	$149,317	$62,061	$41,448		**$1,042,674**
Total	**$547,320**	**$2,147,537**	**$107,496**	**$921,442**	**$849,385**	**$852,764**	**$1,032,170**	**$683,614**	**$359,989**	**$10,340**	**$7,512,058**

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