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Highlights

- **Development Services Agency (DSA).** In total, the bill appropriates \$180.0 million in FY 2021 under the Coronavirus Relief Fund (Fund 5CV1) for the following purposes:
 - \$150.0 million under Fund 5CV1 line item 195631, Coronavirus Relief – Small Business Grant, to provide grants to all eligible applicants who applied for grants under the Small Business Grant Relief Program in 2020 but did not receive funding under the program.
 - \$20.0 million under Fund 5CV1 line item 195621, Coronavirus Relief – Entertainment Venues, to provide grants to entertainment venues impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - \$10.0 million under Fund 5CV1 line item 195630, Coronavirus Relief New Business Relief Grants, to provide relief grants to new businesses in this state opening after January 1, 2020.
- **Department of Job and Family Services (JFS).** In total, the bill appropriates \$319.2 million in federal funds in FY 2021 for the following purposes:
 - \$21.0 million under Fund 3840 line item 600610, Food Assistance Programs, to support the Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer Program.
 - \$10.0 million under Fund 3A20 line item 600641, Emergency Food Distribution, to support food banks.
 - \$20.0 million under Fund 3F01 line item 655624, Medicaid Program Support – Federal.
 - \$167.3 million under Fund 3H70 line item 600617, Child Care Federal, for JFS to support child care providers.

- \$26.0 million under Fund 3N00 line item 600628, Foster Care Program – Federal, for additional Youth Services Program support through various programs.
- \$41.0 million under Fund 3V40 line item 600678, Federal Unemployment Programs, to support the Unemployment Compensation and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance programs.
- \$33.9 million under Fund 3V60 line item 600689, TANF Block Grant, to support county programs.
- **Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).** The bill appropriates \$50.0 million in FY 2021 under Federal Fund 3A40 line item 653654, Medicaid Services.
- **Department of Agriculture (AGR).** The bill appropriates \$4.7 million in FY 2021 under GRF line item 700512, Local Fairs, for AGR to provide financial support to local fairs.
- **Department of Veterans Services (DVS).** The bill appropriates \$3.0 million in FY 2021 under Fund 5CV1 line item 900607, COVID Safety – Ohio Veterans Homes, for DVS to provide financial support to veterans homes.
- **Coronavirus Relief Fund reappropriations.** If there is funding remaining under line items appropriated from Fund 5CV1 at the close of FY 2021, the bill authorizes any unexpended or unencumbered amount at the end of FY 2021 to be reappropriated under the same line items for the same purpose in FY 2022.

Detailed Analysis

Development Services Agency

The bill appropriates a total of \$180.0 million in FY 2021 for the Development Services Agency (DSA) to provide grants to entertainment venues, new businesses, and small businesses that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The appropriations are supported by funds received by the state under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and deposited into the Coronavirus Relief Fund (Fund 5CV1). The funding provided by the bill is appropriated under three line items discussed in detail below.

Of the \$180.0 million appropriated under the DSA budget, \$150.0 million is appropriated under Fund 5CV1 line item 195631, Coronavirus Relief – Small Business Grant. The bill requires DSA to provide grants of \$10,000 to all eligible applicants who applied for grants under the Small Business Grant Relief Program (SBGR) on or before December 11, 2020, but whose requests were not funded. Under that program, for-profit entities with no more than 25 total or 25 full-time equivalent employees as of January 1, 2020, were eligible to apply for \$10,000 grants. Eligible uses of the SBGR grant include: (1) acquisition of personal protective equipment (PPE) or other safety measures taken to protect employees, customers, or clients from COVID-19, (2) mortgage or rent payments for business premises, (3) utility payments, (4) salaries, wages, or compensation paid to contractors or employees, and (5) purchase of business supplies or equipment. Total funding under the SBGR was \$125.0 million.

A further \$20.0 million is appropriated under Fund 5CV1 line item 195621, Coronavirus Relief – Entertainment Venues, for DSA to provide grants to entertainment venues whose business was adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill requires the grants to be awarded in amounts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000 and to be based on factors such as

demonstrated loss of revenue due to canceled events or performances. The remaining \$10.0 million is appropriated under Fund 5CV1 line item 195630, Coronavirus Relief New Business Relief Grants. This will be used by DSA to provide relief grants of \$10,000 each for new businesses in this state opening after January 1, 2020.

Department of Job and Family Services

The bill appropriates a total of \$319.2 million in FY 2021 for the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS). The appropriations are supported through several funds, all of which are federal. The funding provided in the bill is appropriated under seven appropriation items discussed in detail below.

The bill appropriates \$21.0 million under Fund 3840 line item 600610, Food Assistance Programs, to support the Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer Program to provide eligible children with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. JFS is required to use funds in partnership with the Ohio Department of Education.

The bill appropriates \$10.0 million under Fund 3A20 line item 600641, Emergency Food Distribution, to provide support to food banks through the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

The bill appropriates \$20.0 million under Fund 3F01 line item 655624, Medicaid Program Support – Federal. This appropriation item is used to send county departments of job and family services the federal share of expenditures for administration and transportation services made from line items 655522, Medicaid Program Support – Local, and 655523, Medicaid Program Support – Local Transportation.

The bill appropriates approximately \$167.3 million in FY 2021 under Fund 3H70 line item 600617, Child Care Federal. Of this amount, \$44.8 million is used to provide grants to child daycare centers and Type A or Type B family daycare homes for ongoing infrastructure costs and to help with increased costs to purchase personal protective equipment and for costs or losses relating to smaller class sizes, including previously incurred costs, related to the COVID-19 pandemic; \$67.4 million is to provide \$300 for each quarter of FY 2021 to certain child care staff and administrators, retroactive to October 1, 2020; and up to \$55.0 million to provide direct child care payments to licensed providers serving children eligible for publicly funded child care.

The bill appropriates \$26.0 million under Fund 3N00 line item 600628, Foster Care Program – Federal, to provide additional Youth Services Program support in the Educational Training Voucher Program, the Chaffee Independent Living Program, and the Bridges Program.

The bill appropriates \$41.0 million under Fund 3V40 line item 600678, Federal Unemployment Programs, to support regular unemployment and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Programs.

The bill appropriates \$33.9 million under Fund 3V60 line item 600689, TANF Block Grant, to provide additional support to counties consistent with guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Department of Developmental Disabilities

The bill appropriates \$50.0 million in FY 2021 in federal Fund 3A40 line item 653654, Medicaid Services. The Department uses this line item for Medicaid payments for

community-based waiver, targeted case management, intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID), and developmental center services.

Department of Agriculture

The bill appropriates \$4.7 million in FY 2021 under GRF line item 700512, Local Fairs, for the Department of Agriculture (AGR) to provide financial support to local fairs.

In FY 2021, AGR provided financial assistance to county and independent fairs for the 2020 fair season to support expenses incurred from complying with health guidance and measures necessitated by the COVID-19 public health emergency. AGR distributed \$50,000 to each fair that conducted a junior fair and \$15,000 to each fair that did not. This funding was supported by federal funds received by the CARES Act and appropriated under Fund 5CV1 line item 700672, Coronavirus Relief – Local Fairs. H.B. 110, As Introduced, the main operating budget bill of the 134th General Assembly, proposes appropriations of \$1.0 million in FY 2022 under Fund 5CV1 line item 700672, to support pandemic-related safety measures in connection with the 2021 Ohio State Fair.

Department of Veterans Services

The bill appropriates \$3.0 million in FY 2021 under Fund 5CV1 line item 900607, COVID Safety – Ohio Veterans Homes, for the Department of Veterans Services to provide financial support to veterans homes. In FY 2021, this line item is used to safely operate the veterans homes in Sandusky and Georgetown, Ohio during the COVID-19 public health emergency, including supporting increased sanitation costs, maintaining social distancing, COVID-related payroll and purchased personal services, purchased PPE and other necessary costs to comply with public health orders, and local health department recommendations and best practices.

Coronavirus Relief Fund reappropriations

The bill requires the Director of Budget and Management to determine the amount of the unexpended or unencumbered portion of each line item appropriated from Fund 5CV1 at the end of FY 2021 to be appropriated for the same purposes in FY 2022. The bill reappropriates those determined amounts for FY 2022.