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Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments

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H.B. 377 of the 134th General Assembly

Senate Finance

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The amendments adopted by the Senate Finance committee add the following provisions to the House-passed version of H.B. 377:

Appropriations

- Appropriates the following amounts, all in FY 2022:
 - \$500 million to the Department of Development, for the new Appalachian Community Grant Program;
 - \$20 million to the Secretary of State, to provide financial assistance for the second 2022 primary election;
 - \$750,000 to the Department of Natural Resources for weed harvesting operations at Indian Lake.
- Makes conforming changes to prior legislation in the 134th General Assembly appropriating funds to the Secretary of State.

Appalachian Community Grant Program

- Establishes the Appalachian Community Grant Program, to be administered by the Department of Development, in consultation with local development districts.
- Establishes two categories of grants to be made available within the 32-county Appalachian region of Ohio – Appalachian Planning Grants and Appalachian Development Grants – and prescribes eligibility and application guidelines for each.

Election workers excluded from PERS

- Specifies that a person employed as an election worker in a calendar year when more than one primary election and one general election are held is not a PERS member if the person is paid \$1,000 for that service.

OBM Director warrants

- Corrects an outdated reference to specify the OBM Director, rather than the Auditor of State, draws warrants from the state treasury for payment of state employee salaries.

Land conveyances

- Authorizes the conveyance of, or easements over, state-owned real estate.