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**H.B. 464**  
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## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Jarrells and Williams

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- The bill appropriates \$10.0 million in both FY 2024 and FY 2025 in GRF line item 600551, Job and Family Services Program Support, under the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' (ODJFS) budget. Funds must be used to establish a three-year pilot program known as the Actionable Help and New Dignity for Upwards Progression (A HAND UP) pilot program.
- The bill reappropriates the available balance of line item 600551 at the end of FY 2024 to FY 2025.

### **Detailed Analysis**

The bill requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to establish a three-year pilot program known as the Actionable Help and New Dignity for Upwards Progression (A HAND UP) pilot program to assist program participants in transitioning into the workforce as they become ineligible for public assistance benefits. ODJFS must select four counties to operate the pilot program. The selected counties must include one metropolitan county, one midsize county, and two rural counties, one of which is in Ohio's Appalachian region. The bill requires ODJFS to establish: eligibility criteria for participating individuals, conditions for continued participation, a competitive application process for employers seeking to participate, an assessment tool to determine the success of participating employers, processes to connect participants with participating employers, and a mentorship program. ODJFS must also identify and establish a financial literacy program for participants. The bill requires the pilot program to: (1) provide participants with a stipend for health care insurance premiums and deductibles or for child care expenses, and (2) provide subsidies to participating employers for employing pilot program participants. Additionally, if a county selected to participate in the pilot program has established an individual development account program under existing law, ODJFS must seek a

waiver from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to allow pilot program participants to use individual development account funds for purposes other than those specified in federal regulations. ODJFS is permitted to adopt rules to implement the pilot program. ODJFS must also establish, in collaboration with the Office of InnovateOhio, a digital application that does the following: calculates a pilot program participant's income based on the individual's benefits received and income earned, connects participants with pilot program resources, provides educational and motivational resources to pilot program participants, and connects participants with mentors or pilot program case workers.

The bill requires ODJFS to study the program participants once they complete participation. ODJFS must submit annual reports to the General Assembly specifying the outcomes of the pilot program. The bill appropriates \$10.0 million in both FY 2024 and FY 2025 in GRF line item 600551, Job and Family Services Program Support, to support the pilot program. On July 1, 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Job and Family Services must certify to the Director of Budget and Management the available balance of line item 600551 at the end of FY 2024 to be reappropriated to FY 2025. The certified amount is appropriated.