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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

**Sub. H.B. 730**

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The substitute bill adds or modifies H.B. 730, As Introduced, as follows:

### **Recovery of public funds**

Requires the Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) and the Department of Medicaid to contract with a qualified third-party vendor to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the financial network disbursement systems used by each department and appropriates \$500,000 for FY 2027.

### **Department of Natural Resources administrative costs**

Authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to use an amount equal to 2% of the amounts earmarked for local projects that received their initial appropriations prior to the bill's effective date may be used for administrative purposes, except for those projects whose reappropriations have been redirected from the unencumbered balance of another appropriation item.

### **Reappropriations**

Makes the following reappropriations or changes to reappropriations:

- Reappropriates \$300,000 for FY 2027-FY 2028 for the GodRich Food and Farmer's Project under the budget of Central State University and specifies that the amount reappropriated is the unencumbered balance as of June 30, 2026, under the budget of the University of Akron.
  - Increases reappropriations by \$255,225 and earmarks the increased amount for the Dublin Riverside Crossing Park and specifies that the increased amount is the unencumbered balance as of June 30, 2026, in a Facilities Construction Commission (FCC) Fund for Cultural and Sports Facilities Projects, earmarked for the Brown-Harris Historic Cemetery Preservation.
  - Reappropriates the available balance for Child Care Cred Program at the end of FY 2026 for the same purpose in FY 2027.
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- Reappropriates the available balance for Child Care Provider Recruitment at the end of FY 2026 for the same purpose in FY 2027.

## Redirects

Redirects the following appropriations and reappropriations:

- A \$150,000 earmark from Village of Richwood Opera House Restoration to Richwood Pavilion.
- \$200,000 from Kent State University to DNR and earmarks the redirected amount as follows: (a) \$185,000 to the East Liverpool Heritage Trail Project, and (b) \$15,000 to the East Liverpool Splash Pad.
- Redirects a \$300,000 reappropriation for the Fairfield County CDL Training and Testing Lot project under Hocking Technical College to Ohio University.
- Under an ALI for Local Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Projects, redirects as follows:
  - \$75,000 from Independence Pool Facility Improvements to Independence Hemlock Trail;
  - \$200,000 from the Great Miami Riverway Recreational Trail to the Sidney Urbana Trail System Phase I;
  - \$50,000 from the Cleveland Botanical Garden Public Accessible Garden Path to the Holden Arboretum;
  - \$100,000 from the Avon Lake Weiss Field Park Pavilion Replacement Project to Avon Lake Boat Launch and Park Improvements;
  - \$100,000 from the Northern Lights Community Center and increases the earmark for the Final Third Foundation's Pathways Park Facility Development; and
  - \$500,000 from the Kurt Tunnell Memorial Trail to the Plain City-Heritage Trail Connector.
- \$250,000 for Triumph of Flight under FCC to the City of Vandalia Robinette Park Renovation under DNR.
- A \$40,000 reappropriation for Amherst Historical Society – Sandstone Quarry Museum from the Amherst Historical Water Tower Project both under FCC.
- A \$400,000 earmark from the Hamilton YWCA Domestic Violence Project to the YWCA Hamilton Scholar House.
- A \$13,000 earmark for Community Support from Women's Recovery Center to Riveon Mental Health and Recovery – Middleburg Heights.
- Reappropriations totaling \$90,000 from Brooklyn John Frey Park under FCC to Brooklyn John M. Coyne Center Improvements under DNR.

- A \$125,000 earmark for Uptown Smiles Clinical Renovations under the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to Hopability – Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio under University of Toledo (UTO).
- A \$125,000 reappropriation for Mercy College of Ohio Physician Assistant Program under Bowling Green State University to an earmark in the same amount for Harbor Behavioral Health under DBH.
- \$100,000 earmark for Levi Scofield Mansion Transformation under FCC to Historic Shaker Square Restoration under Cleveland State University.
- \$750,000 earmark under the One Time Strategic Community Investments Fund (OTSCIF) from A.B. Graham Memorial under FCC to Champion City Sports and Wellness Center under DNR.
- \$25,000 earmark for The Commons at Springfield under DBH to Ken Anderson Alliance Building Improvements under the Department of Developmental Disabilities.

## **Appropriations**

Makes supplemental appropriations for a variety of state agencies totaling \$14,169,360 in FY 2026 and \$39,336,679 in FY 2027.

Makes supplemental appropriations of \$12.5 million to JFS in FY 2027 to allocate to county departments of job and family services to administer the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and requires the JFS Director to allocate amounts based on the amounts the counties are expected to lose due to changes in federal administrative reimbursements between October 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Redirects and reappropriates the unencumbered balance of a \$200,000 earmark for Portsmouth MARCS, in the Department of Administrative Services to an earmark for Roy Rogers Esplanade Improvements under the FCC.
- Modifies an earmark under an ALI for DeafBlind Fund by removing Columbus Speech and Hearing as the recipient of funds and reappropriates the available balance at the end of FY 2026 for the same purpose in FY 2027.
- Replaces \$660,000 in funding for the Campbell Access and Safety Project with Mahoning County Road Improvements from the OTSCIF.
- Modifies an existing \$1,000,000 earmark from OTSCIF from the Highland County Engineer Truck Barn project to the Highland County Courthouse project.
- Modifies a \$200,000 earmark “Child Guidance & Family Solutions (CGFS) – Stow Buildout” by renaming the project to “Child Guidance & Family Solutions” (CGFS).

## **Correctives**

Does both of the following regarding provisions from H.B. 96, the main operating appropriations act for the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:

1. Broadens the types of permissible costs for county departments of job and family services that may be funded under the provision; and
2. In addition to the processing costs for work requirements for the Medicaid expansion eligibility group, permits the funding to also be used for processing cases for work requirements as established in federal law.

Makes a number of minor corrections to reappropriation changes made in S.B. 54 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and H.B. 184 and H.B. 434, both of the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.