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VETO MESSAGES

**STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE VETO OF ITEMS IN
AMENDED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 96**

June 30, 2025

Pursuant to Article II, Section 16 of the Ohio Constitution, which states that the Governor may disapprove any items in a bill making an appropriation of money, I hereby disapprove the following items contained in House Bill 96 and set forth below the reasons for so doing, as in the public interests. The text I am disapproving is identified in this message by reference to the corresponding page and boxed text of the bill.

ITEM NUMBER 1

On page 2724, delete the following boxed text, “The Department shall not use any of these funds for administrative expenses.”.

Senior Community Services

This item would limit the Ohio Department of Aging’s longstanding ability to use the Senior Community Services appropriation to administer senior programming across the state. This funding supports the department’s ability to obtain federal funds and to provide oversight and support for Older Americans Act programs and services. Limiting the use of this appropriation would prevent the department from operating programs that provide essential services for senior citizens. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 2

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “131.02,”.
On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “131.026,”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “131.02.”
On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “131.026.”
On page 273, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 131.02. (A) Except as otherwise provided...” and ending with “personally liable under section”.
On page 274, delete the boxed text.
On page 275, delete the boxed text.
On page 276, delete the boxed text.
On page 277, delete the boxed text beginning with “(1) A copy of the notice...” and ending with “provided for under this section.”.
On page 2705, delete the following boxed text, “131.02.”

Notice for the Debt Payable to the State

This item would require additional steps in the process to notify individuals of debt payable to the state, including the requirement that certain debt notices be sent via certified mail and that the Ohio Attorney General attach the certified notice to a lien filing. These provisions would duplicate the number of bills or assessments sent to a debtor, and the certified mail requirement would substantially increase administrative costs for the state. This item would also delay collection of revenue and payments. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 3

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “109.803.”
On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “109.803.”
On page 92, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 109.803. (A)(1)...” and ending with “is intended to be a”.
On page 93, delete the boxed text.
On page 94, delete the boxed text beginning with “(1) Allow peace officers...” and ending with “peace officer or trooper.”.
On page 2704, delete the following boxed text, “109.803.”

Peace Officer Training Reimbursement for State Agencies

This item would prohibit state agencies from receiving reimbursement for statutorily required peace officer training for law enforcement officers employed by the agency. The Ohio Attorney General’s Office mandates specific training for all peace officers each year, including officers at state agencies. Properly and well-trained local and state law enforcement officers are essential to the safety of Ohioans across the state. Eliminating the reimbursement for the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Commerce, and Ohio Veterans Home Police Department would jeopardize the ability to complete required

training and could cause these agencies to slow hiring or reduce state law enforcement staff. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 4

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “127.16,”.

On page 3, delete the following boxed text, “3379.03,”.

On page 7, delete the following boxed text, “3379.10,”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “127.16,”.

On page 9, delete the following boxed text, “3379.03,”.

On page 264, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 127.16. (A) Upon...” and ending with “the close of the fair;”.

On page 265, delete the boxed text.

On page 266, delete the boxed text.

On page 267, delete the boxed text beginning with “~~(37)~~(36) Applying to payments...” and ending with “125.01 of the Revised Code.”.

On page 1307, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3379.03. The Ohio arts council shall...” and ending with “not less than three candidates”.

On page 1308, delete the boxed text beginning with “recommended by the Ohio arts council...” and ending with “discretion of the governor.”.

On page 2705, delete the following boxed text, “127.16,”.

On page 2706, delete the following boxed text, “3379.03,”.

On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “3379.10,”.

Ohio’s Percent for Arts Program

This item eliminates Ohio’s Percent for Arts program, a successful program that designates funds for the acquisition, commission, and installation of works of art for new or renovated public buildings under certain, limited conditions. The program was established in 1990 to support the state’s responsibility to foster culture, promote Ohio arts, and encourage the development of artists and craftspeople. Completed projects have brought public art into many areas of the state to aid tourism, enhance quality of life and mental health, and enrich educational settings. The program benefits large and small communities, as well as Ohio’s entrepreneurial artists and craftspeople who can leverage participation in the program to build portfolios and better compete for similar work locally and nationally. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 5

On page 1269, delete the following boxed text, “A grant award shall not”.

On page 1269, delete the following boxed text, “exceed ten thousand dollars.”.

Ohio Higher Education Research Public Policy Consortium

This item relates to the new Ohio Higher Education Research Public Policy Consortium created in this budget bill. The purpose of the Consortium is to award grants to state institutions of higher education for research projects focused on key policy challenges and research priorities critical to the state’s future. As written, this item would limit awards granted by the Consortium to \$10,000. This cap would be detrimental to attracting research proposals and may prevent strong proposal submissions. The inability to attract the best and strongest research proposals will limit the effectiveness of the Consortium and restrict its ability to fully implement a statewide research agenda. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 6

On page 2960, delete the boxed text beginning with “Of the foregoing...” and ending with “section of this act”.

On page 2961, delete the box text beginning with “entitled “STATE SHARE...” and ending with “and the Chancellor. (6)”.

On page 2962 delete the following text “, and less the College Credit Plus pathways and accelerated ninety-hour degree programs funding as calculated in division (D)(5) of this section.”.

State Share of Instruction – Accelerated College and Career Pathways Set-Aside

This item relates to the State Share of Instruction (SSI) formula that determines the amount of state budget funding distributed to public colleges and universities. As written, this item would require 5% of SSI for public universities to be allocated based on enrollment of students in 90-credit-hour degree programs and College Credit Plus (CCP) pathways, both of which are required to be created by public universities in a separate item of this budget.

While the DeWine-Tressel Administration strongly supports the expansion of CCP pathways and 90-credit-hour degree programs to help students enter the workforce faster and with less debt, this item would distribute funding for these programs based on enrollment data that either does not yet exist or is so sparse that it would distribute funding in an irrational manner.

According to the Chancellor of the Department of Higher Education, tying a portion of SSI to two programs that do not yet widely exist and for which there is insufficient enrollment data is unworkable and will have significant negative impacts for Ohio's state universities. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 7

On page 2965, delete the following boxed text, "based on the following order of priority,".

On page 2965, delete the following boxed text, ":".

On page 2965, delete the following boxed text, "(a) Retention-rate outcomes".

On page 2965, delete the boxed text beginning with "factors, including, but not limited to..." and ending with "residents of this state;".

On page 2965, delete the following boxed text, "(b)".

On page 2965, delete the following boxed text, "division (A)(1)(b) of".

State Share of Instruction – Employment Outcomes

This item relates to the State Share of Instruction (SSI) formula that determines the amount of state budget funding distributed to public colleges and universities. The budget bill includes the new requirement that \$100 million per fiscal year of SSI funding be awarded based on the number of graduates per institution who enter the workforce after receiving their degrees. This item requires the Ohio Department of Higher Education to consider various data points in the U.S. Census Bureau's Postsecondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) database in its award calculations, including graduate residency and whether graduates are working at an Ohio-based employer. The PSEO data system, however, does not track residency or the state in which employers are based.

Although the DeWine-Tressel Administration is in favor of awarding a portion of SSI based on workforce outcomes, it is impossible to calculate disbursements based on data that is not collected. As a result, this provision could unintentionally withhold and reduce SSI funds to colleges and universities. The PSEO data currently collected is sufficient for determining SSI awards. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 8

On page 2966, delete the boxed text beginning with "the standing committees of..." and ending with "education legislation determine that".

On page 2966, delete the following boxed text, "To make this determination,".

On page 2966, delete the following boxed text, “to the committee chairs, in a form and manner determined by the committees,”.

On page 2967, delete the boxed text beginning with “Not later than March 31...” and ending with “Controlling Board approval.”.

State Share of Instruction – Senate Bill 1 Compliance

This item relates to the State Share of Instruction (SSI) formula that determines the amount of state budget funding distributed to public colleges and universities. As written, this item requires committees on higher education within both the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate to determine whether a state university has complied with Senate Bill 1 before a portion of \$75 million in SSI funding may be distributed to the institution in fiscal year 2027. This violates the separation of powers that is embedded in the framework of the Ohio Constitution that define the substance and scope of powers granted to the three branches of state government and intrudes upon the constitutional authority of the executive branch to distribute funds that have been appropriated through this budget bill. The Ohio Department of Higher Education is well positioned to determine compliance with Senate Bill 1 and to disburse funds in accordance with this section. Furthermore, this section as written has no provision outlining how to handle a difference of opinion between the two committees regarding a school’s compliance. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 9

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “131.35,”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “131.35,”.

On page 277, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 131.35. (A) With respect...” and ending with “except for any”.

On page 278, delete the boxed text beginning with “other fund listed in...” and ending with “for that fiscal year.”.

On page 2705, delete the following boxed text, “131.35,”.

Budgetary Flexibility at Ohio’s Controlling Board

This item would further restrict the additional expenditure authority that can be approved by the Controlling Board. Under current law, the Controlling Board may only approve additional expenditures up to one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the general revenue fund in that fiscal year. Circumstances occasionally arise where unanticipated federal funding is awarded or there is a significant public need. Therefore, a veto of this is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 10

On page 224, delete the following boxed text, “fifteen per cent of the”.

On page 224, delete the boxed text beginning with “initial estimated construction or renovation cost...” and ending with “reimburse up to”.

On page 224, delete the following boxed text, “if the initial estimated”.

On page 224, delete the following boxed text, “construction or renovation cost is five hundred million dollars or greater”.

On page 224, delete the boxed text beginning with “In the case of an Ohio...” and ending with “five million dollars.”.

Ohio Cultural and Sports Facility Performance Grant Fund and Unclaimed Funds

This item creates the Ohio Cultural and Sports Facility Performance Grant Fund (Fund) and requires the Ohio Department of Commerce to transfer unclaimed funds and interest to the Fund twice a year.

In this item, organizations seeking to apply for funds to support construction or renovation projects with costs totaling \$500 million or greater are eligible to apply for up to 25% in state share. Organizations seeking to apply for funds to support projects with costs totaling less than \$500 million are eligible to receive 15% in state share. To qualify, Ohio sports facility projects must have initial estimated construction or renovation costs of at least \$50 million; cultural facility projects must have estimated costs of at least \$5 million.

Ohio cultural and sports facilities serve an important role in Ohio society. These facilities further economic growth and prosperity and attract future opportunities for the state to thrive. The state has a critical role in ensuring success. Each project should be evaluated on its merit and not according to a minimum cost threshold. Additionally, having project thresholds or spending floors would have the perverse incentive of encouraging projects to become unnecessarily more expensive simply to meet a threshold for state funding. Furthermore, the percentage of state funding available should not depend on the total project cost. The state should have flexibility in determining which projects to fund that can be best accomplished with a single 25% state share cap. Therefore, a partial veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 11

On page 2720, delete the following boxed text, “\$2,000,000 cash in each fiscal year of”.

Existing IT Purchases Cash Transfer Cap

This item would further limit the amount of cash the Office of Budget and Management can annually transfer from the general revenue fund (GRF) to the Major Information Technologies Purchases Fund. Current law already caps the annual cash transfer to “the amount collected for statewide indirect costs attributable to debt service paid for the enterprise data center solutions project from the General Revenue Fund.” The Major IT Purchases Fund is used to make infrequent, large-scale technology purchases without creating spikes in computer services user rates in any single fiscal year. Further capping the transfer will reduce necessary IT investment and inhibit the Ohio Department of Administrative Services’ progress in implementing efficient, effective, and modern technologies to serve Ohioans. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 12

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “124.184.”.

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “124.184.”.

On page 246, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 124.184. (A) As used in this section...” and ending with “shelter in place;”.

On page 247, delete the boxed text beginning with “(3) Occasions where the agency’s...” and ending with “Ohio Constitution, Article IV.”.

On page 1632, delete the following boxed text, “under division (B)(2) of section 124.184 of the Revised Code or other location designated under division (D) of section 124.184 of the Revised Code”.

On page 1634, delete the following boxed text, “The law pertaining to”.

On page 1634, delete the following boxed text, “under section 124.184 of the”

On page 1634, delete the following boxed text, “Revised Code”.

On page 3126, delete the boxed text beginning with “SECTION 701.130. (A) As used in this section...” and ending with “the agency’s state employees.”.

State Employee Work Location Plan

On February 4, 2025, Governor DeWine signed Executive Order 2025-01D, ordering state agencies, boards, and commissions to require all permanent employees to routinely perform their duties in the physical office or facility assigned by their appointing authority. The order also

noted that routine work from remote locations was to cease starting on March 17, 2025. This item would allow state employees to return to remote work until January 2026, undoing the effects of the Executive Order.

This item also creates multiple requirements for state agencies to implement state employee work location plans. This includes requiring state employees to report to their worksite or another location in accordance with the plan, but the item prohibits any employee from working from their place of residence unless an exception applies. This provision may result in the unintended consequence of permitting employees to work remotely from alternative locations other than their homes. Additionally, Executive Order 2025-01D maintains flexibility for state agencies to employ alternate work strategies in the event of an emergency other unexpected situation.

The DeWine-Tressel Administration agrees with and supports the benefits of in-office work; Ohio has been able to recruit state government employees from all across the state by maintaining flexibility to hire and retain employees who live outside of major city centers. This is crucial to building a state workforce that is representative of the entirety of Ohio. Additionally, the state of Ohio saved millions of taxpayer dollars by maximizing the use of state-owned property and reducing leased real estate. This item would limit Ohio's ability to maintain a geographically diverse, agile, and efficient workforce. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 13

On page 212, delete the following boxed text, “conduct a”.

On page 212, delete the following boxed text, “comprehensive study and”.

On page 212, delete the boxed text beginning with “, such as whether...” and ending with “or state agency”.

On page 212, delete the boxed text beginning with “that is used, versus...” and ending with “rather than remote”.

On page 213, delete the boxed text beginning with “(B) As used in...” and ending with “or any local agency.”.

Partial Veto to Enact State-Owned Real Property Report

This item would require the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to conduct a biennial study of all real property owned or leased by the state or a state agency. Accurately assessing property value, maintenance costs, and potential usage is highly specialized work that often requires external expertise. To meet the requirements of the study, DAS would need to hire

an outside contractor every two years to appraise all state property, most of which is unlikely to be offered for sale. Therefore, a partial veto of this item is in the public interest. This partial veto is targeted to honor the legislative intent of this item and encourage transparency while allowing DAS to compile a state-owned real property report within its capability.

ITEM NUMBER 14

On page 228, delete the following boxed text, “containing the official logo of a state agency”.

Flag Display on State-Owned Buildings

This item limits the types of flags permitted to be displayed on state-owned buildings and property to include only the Ohio flag, U.S. flag, POW/MIA flag, and flags of official state agencies as approved by the governor. This language would limit the governor’s ability to approve additional flags not considered in this item, such as the flags of Ohio’s cities and counties, as well as the flags of the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Space Force. The governor should have the authority to approve additional flags not included in this section to ensure state-owned properties can properly pay respect to the armed forces and other worthy public causes as deemed necessary by the governor. Therefore, a partial veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 15

On page 3036, delete the boxed text beginning with “Section 505.35. TRANSFERS TO OAKS...” and ending with “biennium ending June 30, 2027.”.

Existing OAKS Support Organization Fund Limit

This item would further limit the amount of cash the Office of Budget and Management can annually transfer from the general revenue fund (GRF) to the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS) Support Organization Fund. Cash transfers from the GRF to the OAKS fund are already limited to an amount less than or equal to statewide indirect costs attributable to debt service paid for OAKS, the state government’s financial, human resources, and payroll system. These resources are used to purchase upgrades and new functionality for the system. Further limiting the transfer will impact necessary improvements and result in potential service rate increases. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 16

On page 364, delete the following boxed text, “~~division (A)(1)(a) to (d)~~”.

On page 364, delete the following boxed text, “division (A)”.

On page 364, delete the following boxed text, “as that division existed prior to the effective date”.

On page 364, delete the following boxed text, “of this amendment”.

On page 367, delete the boxed text beginning with “The state agency shall fully...” and ending with “with the highest and best bid.”.

On page 368, delete the boxed text beginning with “(I) Except as otherwise provided...” and ending with “to charge under this section.”.

On page 368, delete the following boxed text, “A shut-in royalty provision;”.

On page 368, delete the following boxed text, “(d)”.

On page 368, delete the following boxed text, “~~(d)~~(e)”.

On page 368, delete the following boxed text, “~~three~~”.

On page 368, delete the following boxed text, “five”.

On page 368, delete the boxed text beginning with “.; (f) A provision...” and ending with “notifies Lessee in writing of same.”.

On page 369, delete the boxed text beginning with “court or the oil and gas...” and ending with “order is entered in such litigation.”.

On page 369, delete the following boxed text “, subject to division (I) of section 155.33 of the Revised Code”.

Oil and Gas - Bids and Leases for Exploration on State-Owned Land

These items make various changes to the leasing process for state lands for oil and gas exploration and drilling. These provisions, when taken together, could significantly delay the amount of time a lessee has to actually produce on a well and generate royalty payments for the state. Entities that seek leases for state lands should bear the full responsibility of the business decisions they make that will serve their bottom line. However, these provisions shift some of the risk and financial burden to the state.

The legislative rationale for allowing state lands to be leased for oil and gas purposes was that significant revenue would be generated and utilized to increase investments in and improvements to Ohio’s state parks, wildlife areas, and other state assets. The provisions in these items conflict with that public policy purpose. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 17

- On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “1509.02, 1509.07,”.
- On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “1509.075,”.
- On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “1509.02, 1509.07,”.
- On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “1509.075,”.
- On page 659, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 1509.02. There is hereby...” and ending with “by prosecuting attorneys that involve”.
- On page 660, delete the boxed text.
- On page 661, delete the boxed text.
- On page 662, delete the boxed text beginning with “credit are deposited shall...” and ending with “established in this section.”.
- On page 663, delete the following boxed text, “oil and gas well”.
- On page 663, delete the following boxed text, “and oil and gas resolution and remediation”.
- On page 663, delete the following boxed text, “fund”.
- On page 663, delete the following boxed text, “~~In addition~~ Except as otherwise provided in divisions (B)(2) and (D) of section 1509.075 of the Revised Code,”.
- On page 663, delete the following boxed text, “~~the fund~~ those funds”.
- On page 663, delete the boxed text beginning with “~~The director of budget...~~” and ending with “~~as required under this division.~~”.
- On page 664, delete the following boxed text, “and the oil and gas”.
- On page 664, delete the following boxed text, “resolution and remediation fund”.
- On page 666, delete the following boxed text, “or the oil and gas resolution and remediation fund”.
- On page 666, delete the following boxed text, “or the oil and gas resolution and”.
- On page 666, delete the following boxed text, “remediation fund”.
- On page 667, delete the following boxed text, “~~state treasury to the credit of the~~”.
- On page 667, delete the following boxed text, “~~well~~ resolution and”.
- On page 667, delete the following boxed text, “remediation”.
- On page 668, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 1509.075. (A) The oil...” and ending with “investment of, state funds.”.
- On page 669, delete the boxed text beginning with “(D) Interest earned on the fund...” and ending with “not specified in law.”.
- On page 673, delete the boxed text beginning with “If the council receives a request...” and ending with “approval or denial. (H)”.
- On page 2705, delete the following boxed text, “1509.02, 1509.07,”.

Oil and Gas Resolution and Remediation Fund

This item creates the Oil and Gas Resolution and Remediation Fund for the purposes of plugging orphaned oil and gas wells in the state; requires that each fiscal year, excess money in the Oil and Gas Well Fund be transferred to the Oil and Gas Resolution and Remediation Fund; requires the Treasurer of State to make quarterly disbursements to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Oil and Gas; and prohibits the Ohio Budget and Management (OBM) Director or Controlling Board from transferring any money out of the fund to any other fund. There are more than 20,000 known orphaned wells in Ohio, with hundreds more discovered each year. ODNR has been a good steward of the Oil and Gas Well Fund during this administration and significantly increased well plugging from 51 in 2018 to more than 450 in 2024. The bureaucratic process created in this item will significantly hamper Ohio's progress in plugging orphan wells and ensuring the safety of Ohioans by inefficiently moving around funding and unnecessarily complicating ODNR's current effective process to plug orphaned wells. Additionally, the director of OBM has had long-standing authority and flexibility to maintain the balance of the state's general revenue fund. Prohibiting transfers from the Oil and Gas Resolution and Remediation Fund erodes OBM's ability to balance the budget in the case of a potential economic downturn. The DeWine-Tressel Administration will continue working with key stakeholders to utilize the Oil and Gas Well Fund to plug abandoned gas wells, while also efficiently and appropriately managing tax resources and serving Ohioans. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 18

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, "1501.46,".

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, "1501.46,".

On page 658, delete the boxed text beginning with "Sec. 1501.46. Except" and ending with "associated with such operations.".

ODNR Dredging Operations

This item prohibits the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), when contracting with a third party, from requiring dredge operators to hold any licenses, registrations, or certifications when dredging in waters of the state. Currently, ODNR requires its in-house dredge operators to have extensive on-the-job training in addition to licenses and certifications (i.e. commercial drivers' licenses, boater safety certification, First Aid certification, and other certifications for dredging equipment). Dredging on state waters requires use of heavy and unique equipment that could be dangerous for inexperienced or unqualified users to operate. Additionally, some dredging projects include work at or around sensitive infrastructure, such as dams, which protect

the waterways and residents in surrounding areas. Allowing non-certified or underqualified operators to dredge in waters of the state poses a safety risk for operators, employees, and users of state waterways. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 19

On page 2911, delete the boxed text beginning with “The Director of Natural Resources shall...” and ending with “support the Indian Lake Watershed Project.”

Waterways Improvement and Cash Transfer to the GRF

This item establishes three earmarks for dredging projects in the General Revenue Fund Parks and Recreation appropriation line item within the Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ (ODNR) budget. The Parks and Recreation appropriation line item supports Ohio’s 76 state parks. ODNR’s Waterways Safety Fund (7086) supports dredging projects throughout the state. The DeWine-Tressel Administration recognizes the importance of these projects to their communities and has directed ODNR to fulfill these projects in the coming biennium with funds available in the Waterways Safety Fund. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 20

On page 262, delete the boxed text beginning with “(2) Money credited to...” and ending with “of a conservation easement.”.

H2Ohio Fund for Land or Conservation Easement Purchases

This item prohibits the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) from using H2Ohio funds to purchase land or conservation easements. The H2Ohio Initiative, specifically the statewide H2Ohio Rivers Initiative, continues to improve water quality and reduce nutrients entering Ohio’s waters through evidence-based practices, including by permanently preserving land along streams, rivers, and developing wetlands. Additionally, conservation easements and land acquisitions are an important tool for key partners such as local governments, nonprofit organizations, and others to improve water quality and provide recreation opportunities. This item would significantly curtail the effectiveness of the H2Ohio initiative’s work to improve water quality throughout the state. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 21

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “1501.022,”.

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “1501.022,”.

On page 658, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec.1501.022. (A) As used in this section...” and ending with “associated with providing such services.”.

Local Government Contracts for Emergency Services

This item requires the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) to reimburse local governments for emergency response services provided at South Bass Island State Park. The costs to comply with this provision as drafted, without additional appropriation, would force ODNR to eliminate law enforcement officers and restrict services at state parks across the state. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

The DeWine-Tressel Administration recognizes that local communities with state parks may receive increased emergency calls due to the number of state park visitors in their jurisdictions. Governor DeWine has directed the Ohio Department of Public Safety and ODNR to convene a working group to provide recommendations about how the state can better support local governments in providing public safety services in all of Ohio’s 76 state parks.

ITEM NUMBER 22

On page 2846, delete the following boxed text “or”.

On page 2846, delete the following boxed text “affirm”.

Youth Homelessness

This item prohibits the Ohio Department of Health from distributing funds from budget line item 440672 to youth homeless shelters that promote or affirm social gender transition. According to Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary, “promote” means “a: to contribute to the growth or prosperity of; and b: to help bring into being.” The DeWine-Tressel Administration agrees that no government funds should be granted to youth homeless shelters that promote social gender transition. At the same time, according to Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary, “affirm” means “a: to validate, confirm; and b: to state positively.” The reality is that a homeless child has been through a horrible experience and likely needs to be met where that child is at emotionally. If a shelter has to call a homeless youth a pronoun that is incongruent with that youth’s gender to get that person into a shelter so the child won’t freeze to death, it needs to be done without fear of getting funding

clawed back. No Ohio youth should be denied shelter from a facility that receives state funds. Therefore, this partial veto is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 23

On page 1470, delete the boxed text beginning with “(C) The director shall not adopt rules under this chapter...” and ending with “a proposed sewage treatment system.”

Household Sewage Treatment System Soil and Slope Inspection

This item would prevent the Ohio Department of Health from requiring soil evaluators or soil scientists to assess soil type and slope for Household Treatment Sewage Systems (HSTS). Soil evaluation is a vital part of designing HSTS, ensuring the right system is installed in the best location. Certified soil scientists provide detailed, property-specific reports that identify soil conditions accurately. Without accurate soil evaluations, the longevity and effectiveness of home septic systems will be greatly reduced, leading to improper waste discharge and additional expenses for homeowners due to costly repairs. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 24

On page 1469, delete the boxed text beginning with “; (22) Establish statistical methods for evaluating sewage...” and ending with “set forth in rules adopted in accordance with this division”.

On page 1471, delete the following boxed text “not”.

On page 1471, delete the following boxed text “for any approval in effect as of December 31, 2020.”.

On page 1472, delete the boxed text beginning with “the system may be modified upon request...” and ending with “standards, guidelines, and protocols. However,”.

On page 1472, delete the following boxed text “otherwise”.

On page 1472, delete the following boxed text “or”.

On page 1472, delete the following boxed text “subjected to any new application or monitoring requirements”.

On page 1472, delete the following boxed text “clear, independent statistically”.

On page 1472, delete the following boxed text “significant”.

On page 1472, delete the following boxed text “relative to”.

On page 1472, delete the following boxed text “gravel distribution trenches”.

On page 3130, delete the boxed text beginning with “SECTION 737.30. Not later than...” and ending with “of section 3718.02 of the Revised Code.”

Statistical Methods for Evaluating Sewage Treatment System Compliance

This item would create an increased burden on sewage treatment system manufacturers by requiring currently approved technologies to conform to new standards. The new standards would increase the regulatory burden on businesses and may create a barrier for existing and new sewage treatment product manufacturers to enter the Ohio market. Additionally, the language as proposed may result in approval of certain systems that have not been proven to effectively treat water.

The Ohio Department of Health has already developed appropriate standards with the Sewage Treatment System Technical Advisory Committee, including industry representatives, for the evaluation of sewage treatment system compliance to ensure safe and effective systems to protect the public from poor water quality. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 25

On page 5, delete the following boxed text, “5502.29.”

On page 5, delete the following boxed text, “5502.41.”

On page 11, delete the following boxed text, “5502.29.”

On page 11, delete the following boxed text, “5502.41.”

On page 2336, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 5502.29. (A)” and ending with “may render assistance in”.

On page 2337, delete the boxed text.

On page 2338, delete the boxed text beginning with “agreement entered into pursuant” and ending with “boundaries of the political subdivision.”

On page 2339, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 5502.41. (A)” and ending with “as defined by the national”.

On page 2340, delete the boxed text.

On page 2341, delete the boxed text.

On page 2342, delete the boxed text.

On page 2343, delete the boxed text.

On page 2344, delete the boxed text beginning with “~~(b) Expenses the...~~” and ending with “costs among such political subdivisions.”

On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “5502.29.”

On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “5502.41.”

Personnel Providing Intrastate Mutual Assistance or Aid

This item makes the Ohio Department of Public Safety responsible for workers' compensation benefits for local government personnel who provide intrastate mutual aid outside of their political subdivisions, such as in circumstances of severe weather response. This would have broad, unintended consequences for the agency. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

The DeWine-Tressel Administration understands that this item was intended to support a narrow subset of mutual aid responders, specifically the hardworking men and women of Ohio Task Force One. Governor DeWine has directed the Ohio Department of Public Safety to find a solution outside of this bill to provide workers' compensation benefits to Task Force One responders who provide mutual aid throughout Ohio.

ITEM NUMBER 26

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, "2949.12".

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, "2949.12".

On page 826, delete the boxed text.

On page 827, delete the boxed text beginning with "certification from the juvenile court..." and ending with "from the juvenile court to the court of common pleas."

On page 2705, delete the following boxed text, "2949.12".

Juveniles committed to DRC

This item requires teenagers under the age of 18 who have been tried and convicted as adults to be committed to an Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) facility, instead of an Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) facility. Youth who are convicted as adults have committed violent crimes so heinous that a juvenile term of incarceration is considered inadequate. Placing these convicted youth at DYS would unnecessarily force teens adjudicated on lower-level crimes, as well as DYS staff, to interact with incredibly dangerous offenders. In addition, this item does not provide for increased safeguards that would be needed to manage this adult-level population within a juvenile facility, which could jeopardize the security of DYS sites and the safety of other youth and DYS staff. DRC currently houses youth convicted as adults in an area separate from the adult prison population that adequately protects these youth while also holding them accountable for their crimes. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 27

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3313.975.”

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3317.03.”

On page 6, delete the boxed text beginning with “3310.037, 3310.21,…” and ending with “3310.26, 3310.412.”

On page 7, delete the following boxed text, “5747.75.”

On page 9, delete the following boxed text, “3313.975.”

On page 9, delete the following boxed text, “3317.03.”

On page 12, delete the boxed text beginning with “3310.037, 3310.21,…” and ending with “3310.26, 3310.412.”

On page 966, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3310.037. A student…” and ending with “under Chapter 3314. of the”.

On page 967, delete the boxed text.

On page 968, delete the boxed text.

On page 969, delete the boxed text.

On page 970, delete the boxed text.

On page 971, delete the boxed text.

On page 972, delete the boxed text.

On page 973, delete the boxed text beginning with “(3) “Constant multiplier” means…” and ending with “manner prescribed by the department.”

On page 979, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3310.412. A student…” and ending with “for which the scholarship is sought.”

On page 980, delete the boxed text beginning with “The treasurer of state…” and ending with “program is sought. (7)”

On page 1042, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3313.975. As used in this…” and ending with “tuition for all the students”.

On page 1043, delete the boxed text beginning with “enrolled in such school may…” and ending with “for which the scholarship is sought.”

On page 1135, delete the following boxed text, “~~and~~”.

On page 1135, delete the following boxed text, “, and”.

On page 1135, delete the following boxed text, “(k)”.

On page 1136, delete the boxed text beginning with “; (8) For the nonchartered…” and ending with “section 3317.03 of the Revised Code”.

On page 1139, delete the following boxed text, “; (7) The nonchartered educational savings account unit”.

On page 1142, delete the following boxed text, “~~and~~”.

On page 1142, delete the following boxed text, “, and (k)”.

On page 1142, delete the boxed text beginning with “(OO) “Nonchartered educational savings account unit”” and ending with “sections 3310.21 to 3310.26 of the Revised Code.”

On page 1144, delete the following boxed text, “~~and~~”.

On page 1144, delete the following boxed text, “, and the nonchartered educational savings account unit”.

On page 1145, delete the boxed text beginning with “For fiscal year 2027...” and ending with “division (A)(15) of this section.”.

On page 1151, delete the boxed text beginning with “(15) If the funding unit...” and ending with “division (A)(15)(a) of this section.”.

On page 1155, delete the boxed text beginning with “(K) The department shall transfer” and ending with “the first day of that school year.”.

On page 1169, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3317.03. (A) The superintendent” and ending with “3313.65 of the Revised Code;”.

On page 1170, delete the boxed text.

On page 1171, delete the boxed text.

On page 1172, delete the boxed text.

On page 1173, delete the boxed text.

On page 1174, delete the boxed text.

On page 1175, delete the boxed text.

On page 1176, delete the boxed text.

On page 1177, delete the boxed text.

On page 1178, delete the boxed text.

On page 1179, delete the boxed text.

On page 1180, delete the boxed text.

On page 1181, delete the boxed text beginning with “(K) If the director of education...” and ending with “the amount of the error.”.

On page 2631, delete the boxed text beginning with “~~(p) The credit for tuition paid...~~” and ending with “~~section 5747.75 of the Revised Code.~~”.

On page 2656, delete the boxed text beginning with ““Education expenses” does not...” and ending with “section 3310.24 of the Revised Code.”.

On page 2659, delete the boxed text beginning with “~~The nonrefundable credit for...~~” and ending with “~~section 5747.75 of the Revised Code;~~”.

On page 2706, delete the following boxed text, “3313.975,”.

On page 2706, delete the following boxed text, “3317.03,”.

On page 2709, delete the following boxed text, “, and 5747.75”.

On page 2709, delete the boxed text beginning with “SECTION 105.90.” and ending with “effective January 1, 2026.”.

On page 2803, delete the boxed text beginning with “SECTION 265.211. During fiscal year...” and ending with “Foundation Funding - All Students.”.

Non-Chartered Educational Savings Account Program and Education Tax Credits

This item would create a Nonchartered Educational Savings Account Program, allowing students attending nonchartered nonpublic (NCNP) schools to receive state funding for tuition and other school expenses through an educational savings account.

Under Ohio law, NCNP schools choose to not be chartered by the State of Ohio due to truly held religious beliefs and are subject to far fewer statutory and regulatory requirements than chartered nonpublic schools. Because NCNP schools are not chartered by the state, they do not receive any state or federal funds.

While expanding educational opportunities has been a priority of the DeWine-Tressel Administration, infusing significant state funding to support NCNP schools is contrary to the long-standing public policy that differentiates between chartered nonpublic schools and nonchartered nonpublic schools. This item also fails to establish sufficient safeguards and accountability measures that would be necessary for the responsible administration of this funding.

Specifically, as was made widely known in 2021 with the significant media attention on Bishop Sycamore (a former NCNP school in Ohio), there is a lack of oversight and compliance mechanisms for NCNP schools in Ohio law and rule. Without proper accountability, this item would risk taxpayer dollars on programs that may have compromised educational quality or that could risk student safety.

Furthermore, as drafted, this item includes several operational issues that make implementation unfeasible, including requiring the compilation of test score data and the creation of a performance measure for these students. Due to the absence of standardized testing or existing test data from NCNP schools, these provisions cannot be implemented.

Finally, this item would repeal the existing personal income tax credit for tuition paid to a NCNP school. To ensure families who send their children to NCNP schools retain this tax benefit that they currently have, this veto also restores this tax credit.

Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 28

On page 3, delete the following boxed text, “3959.01, 3959.111,”.

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “3959.121,”.

On page 9, delete the following boxed text, “3959.01, 3959.111,”.

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “3959.121,”.

On page 1623, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3959.01. As used...” and ending with “or employees of any other”.

On page 1624, delete the boxed text.

On page 1625, delete the boxed text.

On page 1626, delete the boxed text.

On page 1627, delete the boxed text.

On page 1628, delete the boxed text beginning with “(1) Terminating or refusing...” and ending with “section 3901.021 of the Revised Code.”.

On page 2706, delete the following boxed text, “3959.01, 3959.111,”.

Regulation of Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reimbursement to Pharmacies

This item was intended to strike a compromise between interested parties on how to best regulate the practice of pharmacy benefit managers in Ohio and the requirements for fair and transparent reimbursement for Ohio pharmacies. However, due to drafting errors, the language will not achieve the legislative intent of providing the needed oversight of pharmacy benefit manager practices. Subsequently, the language as written, may result in further detriment to Ohio pharmacies, especially those in small, rural communities, and could result in a reduction in health care access for many Ohioans. Due to the errors in drafting final language, the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate have requested this veto. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

It is important to note that the DeWine-Tressel Administration is committed to further reforms of pharmacy benefit managers, as already demonstrated in improvements made in Ohio’s Medicaid program through the adoption of the Single Pharmacy Benefit Manager. This administration is committed to working with the Ohio General Assembly in the future to deliver a pharmacy benefit manager regulatory bill.

ITEM NUMBER 29

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “101.352,”.

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “121.931,”.

On page 7, delete the following boxed text, “101.352,”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “121.931,”.

On page 40, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 101.352. If the joint committee” and ending with “suitable agency officer or employee”.

On page 41, delete the boxed text beginning with, “to appear on behalf of the agency” and ending with “section 106.02 of the Revised Code.”

On page 147, delete the following boxed text, “~~six~~ three”.

On page 147, delete the following boxed text, “~~the~~ any of”

On page 147, delete the following boxed text, “the following apply: (1) The”.

On page 147, delete the following boxed text, “~~, or if, after.~~”.

On page 147, delete the following boxed text, “(2) After”.

On page 147, delete the boxed text beginning with, “. (3) The agency fails to...” and ending with “106.02 of the Revised Code”.

On page 147, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 121.931. (A) A person may petition” and ending with “under section 121.93 of the”.

On page 148, delete the boxed text.

On page 149, delete the boxed text beginning with, “(D) Not later than the thirtieth” and ending with “to appeal the outcome.”.

On page 2704, delete the following boxed text, “101.352,”.

On page 2704, delete the following boxed text, “121.931,”.

Restatement of principle of law or policy in rule

This item places further constraints on state agencies in the rulemaking process by shortening the length of time for a state agency to begin and complete the rulemaking process. The item also prohibits a state agency from relying on a principle or policy after the beginning of the rulemaking process if the rule is not filed in final form within one year or if the agency notifies the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) that it intends to file a revised proposed rule.

The Ohio General Assembly outlines public policy on behalf of the state. In doing so, the General Assembly requires state agencies to draft rules to effectuate that public policy and inform constituencies on how to comply with the law.

Rulemaking can be complex, and drafting rules requires sufficient time to prepare and consider language, to properly review and debate the outcomes, and to incorporate feedback from stakeholders.

This item prioritizes speed over thoroughness, which could lead to poorly crafted or ineffective rules and other unintended consequences. Further, not allowing an agency to rely on a potentially long-standing policy or principle of law solely because they are unable to complete the rulemaking process within one year may have significant and unknown consequences on an agency’s operations and cause confusion Ohio’s businesses and regulated entities. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 30

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “121.95, 121.951,”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “121.95, 121.951,”.

On page 149, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec.121.95. (A) As used in sections 121.95...” and ending with “restrictions ~~that require or prohibit an action~~ and”.

On page 150, delete the boxed text.

On page 151, delete the boxed text beginning with, “existing regulatory restrictions...” and ending with “surviving regulatory restriction.”.

On page 151, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Removing or replacing...” and ending with “or prohibition from the rule.”.

On page 2704, delete the following boxed text, “121.95, 121.951,”.

Reporting on regulatory reductions

This item redefines “regulatory restriction” for purposes of Ohio administrative law, creating an unclear and vague standard for state agencies to apply. Agencies have been successfully reducing regulatory restrictions under the existing definition for several years. Additionally, this provision would significantly impact on the ability of state agencies to create future administrative rules, hindering the administration of state programs and services. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 31

On page 65, delete the boxed text beginning with, “If the state agency is subject...” and ending with “section 121.95 of the Revised Code. (J)”.

Recommendation of Invalidating Resolution

This item could lead to the invalidation of a rule or proposed rule if a state agency subject to a requirement to reduce regulatory restrictions removes certain regulatory words but does not remove a regulatory restriction for purposes of Ohio administrative law. This provision would have a significant impact on the ability of state agencies to promulgate administrative rules and would hinder the administration of state programs and services. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 32

On page 3125, delete the boxed text beginning with, “SECTION 701.110. (A) Each agency to which” and ending with “Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review”.

On page 3126, delete the boxed text beginning with, “containing all of the following:...” and ending with “as amended by this act.”.

Restatement of Principle of Law or Policy in Rule

This item requires state agencies to review their operations for principles of law and policies that should be restated in an administrative rule and to complete a review and file a report with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) no later than November 30, 2025, instead of six months after the governor's term expires as is currently required. If, through this process, the agency determines a rule should be adopted, it requires the rule-making process to begin within three months. This accelerated reporting requirement and shortened period to review principles and policies before beginning the rule-making process will cause significant administrative burden on state agencies and will also hinder the administration of state programs and services. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 33

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “121.953,”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “121.953,”.

On page 151, delete the boxed text beginning with, “A state agency that has achieved...” and ending with “single surviving regulatory restriction. (4)”.

On page 152, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 121.953. (A) ~~Effective~~ Except as provided...” and ending with “thirty-first day of December of each year.”.

On page 2704, delete the following boxed text, “121.953,”.

Administrative Rules Containing Regulatory Restrictions

This item makes changes to the process a state agency must follow to review administrative rules by requiring a state agency that has already complied with Senate Bill 9 of the 134th General Assembly and met the requirement to reduce regulatory restrictions in its administrative rules by 30% to eliminate one regulatory restriction for each new regulatory restriction the agency adopts. This item also requires that, beginning on July 1, 2025, a state agency appear before the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) to show cause on why the agency should be permitted to adopt a rule that would cause the number of regulatory restrictions to exceed the state limit. This will have a significant impact on the ability of a state agency to promulgate

future administrative rules to provide guidance to Ohioans. This item will also hinder the administration of state programs and services. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 34

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “106.02, 106.021, 106.023,”.

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “106.024, 106.031,”.

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “119.03,”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “106.025, 106.026,”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “106.033,”.

On page 7, delete the following boxed text, “106.02, 106.021, 106.023, 106.024, 106.031,”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “119.03,”

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “106.025, 106.026,”

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “106.033,”

On page 63, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 106.02 Except as provided...” and ending with “If the revised proposed rule”.

On page 64, delete the boxed text beginning with “is filed thirty-five...” or ending with “after the proposed rule was filed.”.

On page 65, delete the boxed text beginning with “(J) The proposed rule or...” and ending with “106.026 of the Revised Code, and”.

On page 66, delete the boxed text.

On page 67, delete the boxed text.

On page 68, delete the boxed text.

On page 69, delete the boxed text.

On page 70, delete the boxed text.

On page 71, delete the boxed text.

On page 72, delete the boxed text beginning with “concurrent resolution embodying the resolution...” and ending with “is invalid under this section.”.

On page 95, delete the following boxed text, “and expiration under section 106.033 of the Revised Code”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “~~(D)~~(D)(1)”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “~~section~~ sections”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “,”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “106.025, and 106.026”.

On page 97, delete the boxed text beginning with “If the rule summary and fiscal...” and ending with “rule filing with the notice. (2)”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “~~the~~ one of the following”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “applies: (a) The”.

On page 97, delete the boxed text beginning with “(b) The proposed rule is subject...” and ending with “16 is in effect”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “(3)”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “(4)”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “~~This division~~(5) Division (D) of this section”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “~~(1)~~(a)”.

On page 97, delete the following boxed text, “~~(2)~~(b)”.

On page 98, delete the following boxed text, “~~(3)~~(c)”.

On page 98, delete the following boxed text, “~~(4)~~(d)”.

On page 98, delete the following boxed text, “~~(5)~~(e)”.

On page 98, delete the following boxed text, “~~(a)~~(i)”.

On page 98, delete the following boxed text, “~~(b)~~(ii)”.

On page 98, delete the following boxed text, “~~(6)~~(f)”.

On page 98, delete the following boxed text, “~~(7)~~(g)”.

On page 98, delete the following boxed text, “~~(D)(5)~~(D)(5)(e)”

On page 113, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 119.03. In the adoption,...” and ending with “legible form without change”.

On page 114, delete the boxed text.

On page 115, delete the boxed text.

On page 116, delete the boxed text.

On page 117, delete the boxed text.

On page 118, delete the boxed text beginning with “shall become invalid at the...” and ending with “authority without such agency.”.

On page 2704, delete the following boxed text, “106.02, 106.021, 106.023,”.

On page 2704, delete the following boxed text, “106.024, 106.031,”.

On page 2704, delete the following boxed text, “119.03,”.

Proposed rules and revised proposed rules

This item adds new requirements that will lengthen the rule review process for state agencies when implementing certain public policy. Under current law, rules that enable agencies to administer statutes, and thereby increase efficiencies for the citizens of Ohio, are already subject to rigorous review and public comment. Further delay in their adoption would only cause administrative delays and inefficiency of program operations. Therefore, the veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 35

On page 2048, delete the boxed text beginning with “(A) As used in this section:...” and ending with “linked to hormone disruption.”.

On page 2049, delete the boxed text beginning with “(d) Potassium bromate,...” and ending with “five grams of added sugar. (B)”.

Sugar Sweetened Beverages - SNAP

This item requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to request a waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to exclude sugar-sweetened beverages from purchase via SNAP card.

The goal of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is to help alleviate hunger, but sugary drinks do not accomplish that goal; they do not satiate and have minimal nutritional value. Additionally, unhealthy drinks have been proven to drive negative health outcomes such as obesity, Type 2 diabetes, and hypertension. Ohio will join a number of other states in pursuing such a waiver, and that portion of the language is retained.

Within the definitions, however, specific ingredients, and in some cases, percentages of such ingredients, are designated to trigger the SNAP exclusion.

These additional restrictions bring an extra layer of complexity that could serve to delay the approval and implementation of the sugar-sweetened beverage waiver. Therefore, a partial veto of this item is in the public interest, but more discussion of this item is necessary.

The DeWine-Tressel Administration has directed the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to convene a working group to make recommendations to carefully tailor the waiver request for the most efficient and effective implementation that best supports public health.

ITEM NUMBER 36

On page 112, delete the boxed text beginning with “(1) If, in the judgment...” and ending with “the fiscal emergency conditions, (E)”.

Local fiscal emergency receivership

This item creates a method for the appointment of a receiver for counties, townships, and municipal corporations that are in fiscal emergency for lengthy periods of time. This item

enables the receiver to decide, under certain circumstances, that the county, township, or municipal corporation will file for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 of Title 11 of the U.S. Code. Under existing law, a political subdivision must seek approval from the Ohio Department of Taxation before a bankruptcy filing can be made. This provision is in conflict with existing law and may lead the federal bankruptcy court to question the authority for filing bankruptcy. Any decision of this magnitude should be made by an official who is subject to senate confirmation after appointment by the Governor. Therefore, a partial veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 37

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “163.01,”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “163.01,”.

On page 369, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 163.01. As used in...” and ending with “owned and occupied project;”.

On page 370, delete the boxed text beginning with “(c) A private entity...” and ending with “rail facility, or transit facility.”.

On page 2705, delete the following boxed text, “163.01:”.

Eminent Domain & Recreational Trails

This item would, with limited exceptions, prevent state and local governments from using eminent domain to obtain property for the construction of recreational trails. Because Ohio law prohibits bike riding on sidewalks, recreational trails are a safer alternative for cyclists who would otherwise be forced to ride in the street. Preventing the state from obtaining property for recreational trails would unnecessarily limit options for public projects to ensure adequate safety for bike riders, forcing more cyclists to share the road with cars and trucks. According to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, since 2020, nearly 900 Ohio bicyclists were either killed or seriously injured in traffic crashes with automobiles. Therefore, the veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 38

On page 7, delete the following boxed text, “5166.45,”.

On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “5166.45,”.

Continuous Medicaid Enrollment for Children

This item would repeal the requirement for the Medicaid director to reduce the administrative burden for parents of children under the age of four to stay enrolled in Medicaid through a federal waiver. Access to needed healthcare for babies and young children is critical to early childhood development, and continuous health insurance coverage will help ensure children receive preventative care, ongoing care for chronic conditions, and hospitalization or emergency care.

Continuous enrollment, adopted in House Bill 33 by the 135th Ohio General Assembly, is consistent with the DeWine-Tressel Administration's longstanding pro-life and pro-family agenda and is critical to making Ohio the best place in the nation to raise a family. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 39

On page 3138, delete the boxed text beginning with, "SECTION 751.160. (A) As used..." and ending with "Developmental Disabilities, a Medicaid".

On page 3139, delete the boxed text beginning with "managed care organization, or any..." and ending with "on information in the system."

Electronic Visit Verification

This item would require the Ohio Department of Medicaid (Medicaid) and managed care plans to pay Medicaid claims without credible information to verify the claim at the time of payment. The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services requires Medicaid to implement an Electronic Visit Verification system to determine specified information prior to payment, subject to federal financial penalties for noncompliance. This language would hinder Medicaid's work to meet federal standards and significantly diminish Ohio's ability to combat fraud, waste, and abuse, thereby risking significant financial impacts to Ohio. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 40

On page 2278, delete the following boxed text, "Subject to division (E) of this section,".

On page 2278, delete the boxed text beginning with "(E)(1) The department shall..." and ending with "it is unable to satisfy the requirements.".

Automatic Enrollment in Medicaid MCO plan

This provision requires the Ohio Department of Medicaid (Medicaid) to randomly assign to a managed care plan all individuals who do not choose a specific managed care plan. This item would prohibit Medicaid from considering a managed care plan's quality of service when enrolling members in a plan. Tying new enrollment to quality indicators is a strong incentive for managed care plans to coordinate quality care. The random assignments required by this language would eliminate a critical tool for holding managed care plans accountable for quality outcomes. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 41

On page 2886, delete the boxed text beginning with "SECTION 333.263. MEDICAID ADD-ON" and ending with "enrolled in a Medicaid program."

Nursing Facility Dialysis Services Rate Add-on

This item provides a rate add-on for each dialysis treatment provided to nursing facility residents by certain providers and expands the pool of providers eligible for funding. While the DeWine-Tressel Administration is supportive of this rate increase, establishing rates in statute restricts the ability of the Ohio Department of Medicaid to appropriately manage the policies and costs of the Medicaid program in a way that benefits Ohio consumers and complies with federal regulations, as this is often done by rule. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 42

On page 5, delete the following boxed text, "5163.33,".

On page 11, delete the following boxed text, "5163.33,".

On page 2264, delete the boxed text beginning with "Sec. 5163.33. (A) In..." and ending with "42 U.S.C. 1396a(q)."

On page 2265, delete the boxed text beginning with "(B) In the case of..." and ending with "in determining eligibility."

On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, "5163.33,".

Medicaid personal needs allowance

This item relates to the increase, from \$50 to \$75 per month, in personal needs allowance for individuals residing in nursing homes and intermediate care facilities. The DeWine-Tressel

administration is supportive of making this policy change, recognizing the important role the personal needs allowance plays in the health and well-being of those living in care facilities.

This change was planned for in the budget and intended to take effect in the fiscal year 2026-2027 biennium; however, the technical language changes could inadvertently be interpreted to retroactively apply this increase back to 2016. In order to ensure this provision can be implemented as intended, Governor DeWine has directed the Ohio Department of Medicaid to implement this increase through the rule-making process, as they are authorized to do under current law. Therefore, the veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 43

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “3722.15,”.

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “3722.15,”.

On page 1475, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3722.15. (A) A hospital...” and ending with “the director of health.”.

Transfer agreements with freestanding birthing centers

This item requires a hospital with a maternity unit that accepts Medicaid to enter into a transfer agreement with any freestanding birthing center located within a 30-mile radius that requests one. This item creates inconsistencies for health and safety requirements for similarly situated medical facilities. Currently, Ohio hospitals are able to set rigorous standards for the licensed health care entities the hospitals enter into care arrangements with. Entering into an agreement with birthing centers that may not adhere to the same level of medical oversight would compromise patient safety in emergency situations. Ensuring consistent requirements is in the best interest of patient safety. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 44

On page 1430, delete the boxed text beginning with ““Charity care” means free or...” and ending with “entity’s medicare cost report.”.

On page 1430, delete the boxed text beginning with ““Low-income patient” means a patient...” and ending with “of the federal poverty line.”.

On page 1430, delete the boxed text beginning with “, for the 340B covered entity...” and ending with “facility associated with it,”.

On page 1431, delete the boxed text beginning with “(d) The percentage of patients...” and ending with “associated facility, or contract pharmacy.”.

On page 1431, delete the boxed text beginning with “The total operating cost...” and ending with “entity’s charity care costs. (3)”.

On page 1431, delete the boxed text beginning with “The number of those contract pharmacies...” and ending with “those pharmacies are located; (c)”.

On page 1431, delete the boxed text beginning with “, the percentage of that number...” and ending with “compared to the previous year”.

On page 1431, delete the following boxed text, “, itemized”.

340B Reporting Requirements – Non-profit hospitals

This item imposes reporting requirements on entities participating in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program. The DeWine-Tressel Administration is supportive of the legislative intent to increase transparency into the pharmaceutical supply chain. This targeted veto maintains the reporting requirement while removing several overly prescriptive provisions restricting the ability of the Ohio Department of Health from being able to produce a useful report for future policymakers. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 45

On page 2891, delete the boxed text beginning with “Notwithstanding any provision of law...” and ending with “fiscal year 2027 or fiscal year 2027.”.

Transfers from the Health and Human Services Reserve Fund to the General Revenue Fund

This section permits the director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) to seek Controlling Board approval to transfer cash from the Health and Human Services Fund to the General Revenue Fund (GRF) if it is determined that the Ohio Department of Medicaid will not have sufficient funds to pay for Medicaid program obligations. The language further limits the total amount the OBM director may transfer with Controlling Board approval. The limits placed on the transfer authority could restrict critical funding needed to ensure healthcare access for Ohioans relying on Medicaid for needed care. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 46

On page 3039, delete the boxed text beginning with “PRE-SECURITIZATION TOBACCO PAYMENTS FUND...” and ending with “to the General Revenue Fund.”.

On page 3039, delete the following boxed text, “INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND”.

On Page 3040, delete the boxed text beginning with “On July 1 of each fiscal...” and ending with “to the General Revenue Fund.”.

Retain important cash funds

This item would require cash transfers from various dedicated funds to the General Revenue Fund (GRF). This partial veto is targeted to remove transfers from three important funds: \$2.5 million per fiscal year from the Information Technology Fund (Fund 5LJ0), \$20 million from the Pre-Securitization Tobacco Payments Fund (Fund 5LS0), and \$5 million per fiscal year from the Human Services Project Fund (Fund 5RY0). The cash that this item would direct to the GRF is needed to support the important purposes outlined in their dedicated funds. Therefore, this veto is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 47

On page 1, delete the boxed text, “107.032, 107.033,”.

On page 6, delete the boxed text, “107.034,”.

On page 7, delete the boxed text, “107.034,”.

On page 7, delete the boxed text, “107.032,”.

On page 8, delete the boxed text, “107.033,”.

On page 12, delete the boxed text, “107.034,”.

On page 74, delete the boxed text.

On page 75, delete the boxed text beginning with “(B) For each fiscal...” and ending with “from the general revenue fund.”.

On page 2704, delete the boxed text, “107.032, 107.033,”.

On page 2708, delete the boxed text, “107.034,”.

On page 2709, delete the boxed text beginning with “SECTION 105.20. That...” and ending with “effective July 1, 2026.”.

On page 3125, delete the boxed text beginning with “SECTION 701.60. When...” and ending with “Section 101.01 of this act.”.

On page 3151, delete the boxed text beginning with “SECTION 820.110. Sections...” and ending with “take effect July 1, 2026.”.

State Appropriation Limitations

This item relates to the State Appropriation Limit (SAL), which is the limit that the governor and Ohio General Assembly cannot exceed when planning the state’s biennial budget and making general revenue fund appropriations. This language further complicates the calculation of the SAL, which will make the development of the fiscal year 2028-2029 budget difficult for the next governor. Specifically, this item removes the option to calculate the SAL using the rate of inflation and population change, which was the method used for the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. This option is critical during times when inflation exceeds 3.5 percent. Current law functions as written and provides a structure that accommodates both economic changes and inflation. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 48

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “126.17,”.

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “126.17,”.

On page 259, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 126.17.(A) As used in this section ...” and ending with the effective date of this section.”.

Remove Duplicative Reporting System

The item requires the Ohio Office of Budget and Management to adopt rules and create a new IT system to track grants and to collect financial status reports. Ohio is a national leader in providing open data and spending transparency. This additional system would be duplicative of the Auditor of State’s duties and of existing information available to all Ohioans via the online Ohio Checkbook dashboard. This provision would require adoption of a new set of rules expanding the Ohio Administrative Code, while also creating inefficient processes to report on transactions. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 49

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “107.03,”.

On page 7, delete the following boxed text, “107.03,”.

On page 72, delete the boxed text beginning with “ Sec 107.03. (A) As used ...” and ending with in comparative form, the”.

On page 73, delete the boxed text.

On page 2704, delete the following boxed text, “107.03,”.

Future budget flexibility

This item would prohibit a future Governor from proposing a budget that carries a general revenue fund (GRF) cash balance into the new biennium that is greater than the required ending fund balance, excluding any encumbered funds. This provision would limit a future Governor's flexibility when introducing an operating budget, which is ultimately vetted and approved by both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 50

- On page 1, delete the following boxed text, "126.24,".
- On page 3, delete the following boxed text, "3701.841,".
- On page 5, delete the following boxed text, "5168.25,".
- On page 5, delete the following boxed text, "5753.031,".
- On page 8, delete the following boxed text, "126.24,".
- On page 9, delete the following boxed text, "3701.841,".
- On page 11, delete the following boxed text, "5168.25,".
- On page 11, delete the following boxed text, "5753.031,".
- On page 194, delete the following boxed text, "~~All investment earnings of the~~".
- On page 194, delete the following boxed text, "~~Fund shall be credited to the Fund.~~".
- On page 259, delete the boxed text beginning with "Sec. 126.24. The OAKS supports..." and ending with "expenses of the state's enterprise".
- On page 260, delete the boxed text beginning with "resource planning system. The fund..." and ending with "~~be credited to the fund.~~".
- On page 386, delete the following boxed text, "~~All investment earnings on the cash balance in the fund~~".
- On page 386, delete the following boxed text, "~~shall be credited to the fund.~~".
- On page 1430, delete the boxed text beginning with "Sec. 3701.841. The tobacco use..." and ending with "3701.84 of the Revised Code.".
- On page 2284, delete the boxed text beginning with "Sec. 5168.25. There is hereby..." and ending with "including the program's administrative costs.".
- On page 2692, delete the boxed text beginning with "Sec. 5753.031. (A) For the purpose..." and ending with "of budget and management shall".
- On page 2693, delete the boxed text beginning with "transfer as needed to the..." and ending with "The problem sports gaming fund.".
- On page 2705, delete the following boxed text, "126.24,".
- On page 2706, delete the following boxed text, "3701.841,".
- On page 2708, delete the following boxed test, "5168.25,".

On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “5753.031,”.

On page 3035, delete the following boxed text, “(B) The Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries Fund (Fun 5DL0);”.

Remove various dedicated funds from transferring interest to GRF

This item redirects interest earnings from an extensive list of program funds to the General Revenue Fund (GRF). This partial veto is targeted to remove seven important funds from this list: the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS) Support Fund, the Facilities Establishment Fund, the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund, the Hospital Assessment Fund, the Sports Gaming Profits Education Fund, the Health Care/Medicaid Support and Recoveries Fund, and the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. The cash that would instead be transferred to the GRF is necessary to support the important purposes outlined in the dedicated funds. Additionally, the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund is a federal program fund that is required to retain its own interest and apply all funds to the federal program’s purpose. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 51

On page 2, delete the following boxed text “3307.27,”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text "3309.47,”.

On page 9, delete the following boxed text “3307.27,”.

On page 9, delete the following boxed text "3309.47,”.

On page 962, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3307.27. ~~The~~(A) Except...” and ending with ““Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 26 U.S.C. 414(h).”.

On page 964, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3309.47. Each school employees retirement...” and ending with “Any amount remaining”.

On page 965, delete the following boxed text beginning with “after the transfer to the employees' savings...” and ending with “credited to deposits thus refunded.”.

On page 2705, delete the boxed text “3307.27,”.

On page 2706, delete the following boxed text "3309.47,”.

On page 3150, delete the following boxed text beginning with “SECTION 801.360. The amendment...” and ending with “effective date of this section.”.

STRS and SERS Employee Contributions

This item would prohibit local school boards from entering into supplemental benefit arrangements to pay employee contributions to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) on behalf of superintendents and principals. This item would similarly prohibit

supplemental benefit arrangements to pay employee contributions to the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) on behalf of treasurers.

School boards often negotiate contracts with school district leaders based on local needs and talent competition. Prohibiting certain supplemental benefits could limit the ability of local school districts to offer competitive compensation packages to attract or retain experienced school leaders. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 52

On page 4, delete the following boxed text, “4928.05,”.

On page 10, delete the following boxed text, “4928.05,”.

On page 2008, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 4928.05. (A)(1) A competitive retail electric service ...” and ending with “4963.40, and 4963.41”.

On page 2009, delete the boxed text.

On page 2707, delete the following boxed text, “4928.05,”.

Electric Transmission Charges

This item makes certain electric transmission costs avoidable by customers who shop for their electric energy provider. While Ohio’s energy policy is market-driven and offers customers the opportunity to get their energy from their utility provider or to shop for a different preferred energy supplier, the fact remains that all customers use a portion of the transmission grid and should pay the associated costs. With this change, customers who use their utility provider for their electricity could be unfairly subsidizing transmission charges for shopping customers. This item could cause immediate, unintended consequences for how customers are billed for transmission charges and additional discussion is needed to fully understand the impact of this language on all electric customers. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 53

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3311.053,”.

On page 3, delete the following boxed text, “3513.05,”.

On page 3, delete the following boxed text, “3513.19,”.

On page 7, delete the following boxed text, “3513.254, 3513.255, 3513.256,”.

On page 9, delete the following text, “3311.053,”.

On page 9, delete the following text, “3513.05,”.

On page 9, delete the following text, “3513.19,”.

On page 985, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3311.053. (A) The boards ...” and ending with “at the next”.

On page 986, delete the boxed text beginning with “general election occurring in an ...” and ending with “the former governing boards.”.

On page 1313, delete the following boxed text, “~~for member of any board of~~”

On page 1313, delete the following boxed text, “~~education,~~”.

On page 1328, delete the following boxed text, “~~for member of a board of education,~~”.

On page 1328, delete the following boxed text, “member of a board of education,”.

On page 1329, delete the boxed text beginning with “Within the rectangular space ...” and ending with “at large.”.

On page 1329, delete the following boxed text, “(3)”.

On page 1330, delete the following boxed text, “~~the office of member of a board of~~”.

On page 1330, delete the following boxed text, “~~education,~~”.

On page 1330, delete the following boxed text, “~~and by offices of member of a board of~~”.

On page 1330, delete the following boxed text, “~~education,~~”.

On page 1330, delete the boxed text beginning with “~~Within the rectangular space...~~” and ending with “~~shall be printed in~~”.

On page 1331, delete the following boxed text, “~~said space on the ballot to indicate whether candidates are to be elected from subdistricts or at large.~~”.

On page 1335, delete the boxed text beginning with “~~office of member of the state...~~” and ending with “~~an educational service center, or~~”.

On page 1335, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3513.05. (A) Each person desiring...” and ending with “the secretary of state or a”.

On page 1336, delete the boxed text.

On page 1337, delete the boxed text.

On page 1338, delete the boxed text.

On page 1339, delete the boxed text beginning with “on the official ballots...” and ending with “declarations of candidacy and petitions.”

On page 1344, delete the boxed text, “~~3513.254, 3513.255,~~”.

On page 1347, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3513.19.(A) It is the duty...” and ending with “set forth in division (A)”.

On page 1348, delete the boxed text beginning with “(3) of this section ...” and ending with “the person desires to vote.”.

On page 2706, delete the following boxed text, “3311.053,”.

On page 2706, delete the following boxed text, “3513.05,”.

On page 2706, delete the following boxed text, “3513.19,”.

On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “3513.254,”.

On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “3513.255, 3513.246,”.

On page 3129, delete the boxed text beginning with “Section 735.10. This act first applies...” and ending with “the effective date of this section.”.

School District Board of Education Members

This item makes local school boards of education and educational service center (ESC) governing boards partisan offices by requiring candidates for these boards to be nominated by primary election and to appear on the general ballot with a political party designation. Today, local school board members run as nonpartisan candidates without any party affiliation.

Local school boards and ESC governing boards have historically been non-partisan offices, and this has served the interests of students and communities well. This provision could also have a chilling effect on potential candidates who do not want to run for partisan office but are otherwise well-suited and well-qualified to serve on their local school board. Moreover, making these positions partisan offices would prohibit classified local employees from seeking these offices, potentially eliminating strong candidates. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 54

On page 1320, delete the following boxed text, “explaining the reason for”.

On page 1320, delete the following boxed text, “to meet the prima facie standard established”.

On page 1321, delete the boxed text beginning with, “under section 3599.42 of the Revised Code...” and ending with “further investigation or prosecution”.

On page 1321, delete the following boxed text, “or the attorney general”.

On page 1321, delete the following boxed text, “or prosecute”.

Election Integrity Unit

This item creates an Election Integrity Unit within the Ohio Secretary of State’s Office and directs the Unit to investigate alleged violations of elections law, campaign finance law, and campaign finance complaints filed with the Ohio Secretary of State. Additionally, this item, as drafted, requires prosecuting authorities, within one year of receiving a referral, to prosecute the violation, request additional evidence, or decline to prosecute. If the prosecuting authority declines to prosecute, the Unit may refer the case to the Attorney General.

Voter fraud in Ohio is rare, but it does occur. In 2015, the results of a close local primary were found by a civil court to have been impacted by voter fraud (Flores v. Horn Lorain Common Pleas Court 15CV186631).

The investigation of voter fraud is unique and complex. The establishment of a single unit in the Secretary of State’s office that has concurrent jurisdiction and specialized knowledge, training,

and experience in this area is not illogical and has the potential to be very beneficial. In the last year, an elderly naturalized United States citizen was indicted on felony charges, booked, and had to retain counsel after being falsely accused of being a noncitizen who illegally voted; the charges were eventually dismissed (State v. Glenford Edwards Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court CR-24-696364-A).

Having criminal matters promptly investigated and prosecutorial decisions timely made are very worthy goals. However, this item as drafted potentially requires prosecutors to act outside their ethical obligations as they are given a limited time to collect the minimum standard of evidence to determine whether to pursue cases. This could have unintended consequences of prosecuting individuals without evidence to prove a crime beyond reasonable doubt. Additionally, this provision allows the Unit to refer cases to the Attorney General if the local prosecuting authority declines to prosecute the alleged violation. This could potentially create forum shopping and undermine the public's confidence in the justice system. Therefore, the partial veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 55

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “5705.60.”

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “5705.60.”

On page 2433, delete the following boxed text, “in the first year they are levied.”

On page 2433, delete the following boxed text, “the”.

On page 2433, delete the following boxed text, “levy is the renewal of an existing tax or”.

On page 2436, delete the boxed text beginning with “Except as otherwise provided...” and ending with “required by that division. (C)”.

On page 2437, delete following boxed text, “~~(C)~~(D)”.

On page 2437, delete the boxed text, “~~(D)~~(E)”.

On page 2437, delete following boxed text, “~~(B)~~(C)”.

On page 2437, delete following boxed text, “~~(C)~~(D)”.

On page 2437, delete the boxed text, “~~(E)~~(1)(F)(1)”.

On page 2437, delete the boxed text, “~~(F)~~(G)”.

On page 2438, delete the boxed text, “~~(C)~~(D)”.

On page 2439, delete the boxed text, “~~(B)~~”.

On page 2439, delete the boxed text “(C)”.

On page 2439, delete the boxed text, “~~(C)~~(D)”.

On page 2450, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 5705.60. (A) As used in this section” and continuing through “rate for the current tax year.”

Property Tax: County Budget Commission Authority & Procedure

This item gives county budget commissions the authority to unilaterally reduce a levy passed by voters for a school district or other taxing authority under certain circumstances. This breaches the approval of such millage by the voters. Further, this item requires the Ohio Department of Taxation to calculate tax rates for certain fixed-sum levies that are currently addressed by county officials at the county level. The tax commissioner does not receive sufficient information from county auditors to calculate these rates and the timelines in this item would result in delays to taxpayers regarding their tax information for proper filing. Therefore, the partial veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 56

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “5747.124,”.

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “5747.124,”.

On page 2640, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 5747.124.(A) As used in this section...” and ending with “the order of garnishment, it”.

On page 2641, delete the boxed text beginning with “may be applied in partial ...” and ending with “the debt or certified claim.”.

Income tax refund garnishment for private judgment debts

This item would require the Ohio Department of Taxation to withhold funds from income tax refunds in circumstances involving taxpayers who owe private judgement debts. This item would conflict with federal law in circumstances where the person owing the debt is also in debt to the Internal Revenue Service. Federal law requires garnishment priority to be given to the federal debt before state or private judgements. Further, it would be improper for the Department of Taxation to serve as a collector of private debt. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 57

On page 5, delete the following boxed text, “5739.011,”.

On page 11, delete the following boxed text, “5739.011,”.

On page 2499, delete the following boxed text, “~~used solely for advertising purposes,~~”.

On page 2500, delete the following boxed text, “~~except that the transfer of such films for exhibition purposes is not a sale;~~”.

On page 2501, delete the boxed text beginning with “~~That person is not...~~” and ending with “~~to produce the printed matter.~~”.

On page 2517, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 5739.011. (A) As used in...” and ending with “a material or product.”.

On page 2518, delete the boxed text.

On page 2519, delete the boxed text.

On page 2520, delete the boxed text beginning with “(8) Except as provided in...” and ending with “used in a taxable manner.”.

On page 2521, delete the following boxed text, “~~of newspapers and sales~~”.

On page 2525, delete the following boxed text, “~~(g)(f)~~”.

On page 2525, delete the following boxed text, “~~(h)(g)~~”.

On page 2528, delete the following boxed text, “~~(n)(m)~~”.

On page 2529, delete the boxed text beginning with “~~To use or consume...~~” and ending with “~~or graphic matter;~~”.

On page 2529, delete the following boxed text, “~~(g)~~”.

On page 2529, delete the following boxed text, “~~(h)(g)~~”.

On page 2529, delete the following boxed text, “~~(i)(h)~~”.

On page 2529, delete the following boxed text, “~~(j)(i)~~”.

On page 2529, delete the following boxed text, “~~(k)(j)~~”.

On page 2530, delete the following boxed text, “~~(l)(k)~~”.

On page 2530, delete the following boxed text, “~~(m)(l)~~”.

On page 2530, delete the following boxed text, “~~(n)(m)~~”.

On page 2530, delete the following boxed text, “~~(q)(n)~~”.

On page 2530, delete the following boxed text, “~~(B)(42)(q)(B)(42)(n)~~”.

On page 2530, delete the following boxed text, “~~(B)(42)(q)(B)(42)(n)~~”.

On page 2531, delete the following boxed text, “~~(B)(42)(q)(B)(42)(n)~~”.

On page 2531, delete the following boxed text, “~~(B)(42)(q)(ii)(B)(42)(n)(ii)~~”.

On page 2531, delete the following boxed text, “~~(B)(42)(q)(B)(42)(n)~~”.

On page 2532, delete the following boxed text, “~~(B)(42)(q)(B)(42)(n)~~”.

On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “5739.011,”.

On page 3149, delete the following boxed text, “SECTION 801.270. The amendment by this act of division (B)(8) of section 5739.01 of the Revised Code applies on and after January 1, 2026.”.

Sales Tax Exemptions

This item removes the sales tax exemption for several items, including newspaper subscriptions, material used to produce printed materials for sale, and motion pictures acquired by theaters. Newspapers serve a critical role in our society to inform the public about important issues, allow for civic engagement and discourse, and help bolster local communities. Further, the materials

used to produce printed materials for sale are important as these materials aid in the creation of newspapers, books, and other printed materials that are important to our society. Motion pictures are a critical form of artistic expression and entertainment, helping to inform the public and shape culture and public opinion. Revoking the existing sales and use tax exemptions on these forms of media is unnecessary and will reduce civil discourse in our state. Therefore, the partial veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 58

On page 167, delete the following boxed text, “, before October 1, 2025,”.

Data center tax exemptions

This item prohibits the Tax Credit Authority from entering into new computer data center sales and use tax exemption agreements beginning on October 1, 2025. Under current law, this exemption is at the discretion of the Tax Credit Authority and is not automatic. Ohio’s tax structure has been an asset in attracting new businesses to Ohio and retaining the existing businesses that contribute to Ohio's economy. Economic development is essential to Ohio’s continued growth and prosperity as the heart of innovation, and the state must stay at the forefront of prospering fields such as technology and artificial intelligence. The availability of this tax exemption is important as Ohio competes with other states for technology jobs and capital investment. Further, data centers in Ohio have already led to billions in construction work. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 59

On page 1600, delete the boxed text beginning with “A vendor with no sales...” and ending with “tax levied under section 5739.02 of the Revised Code.”.

Non-Medical Marijuana Excise Tax

This item changes the tax structure surrounding marijuana sales. Currently, non-medical cannabis is taxed through an excise tax, but this item would apply sales tax concepts to the excise tax beginning in July 2025. The non-medical cannabis tax has already been implemented and administered as a separate excise tax and treating it like a sales tax will needlessly complicate the tax for taxpayers. Applying additional sales tax concepts to this excise tax would have unintended consequences that could impact revenue, the distribution of tax funds, and tax filing. Therefore, a partial veto of this item is in the public interest.

Non-Medical Marijuana excise tax return filing requirement

This item waives the non-medical cannabis tax return filing requirement for vendors with no non-medical cannabis sales during a tax period. In all other industries, vendors are required to file a tax return, even if no sales were made. Allowing an exception for cannabis vendors is likely to lead to confusion on tax filing requirements and will complicate efforts to ensure compliance with tax laws. Therefore, a partial veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 60

On page 325, delete the following boxed text, “~~2023 and 2024, and~~”.

On page 325, delete the following boxed text, “~~for each fiscal year thereafter~~ 2026 and 2027”.

On page 325, delete the boxed text beginning with “The director shall not approve...” and ending with “by an act of the general assembly.”.

Increase Historic Building Rehabilitation Tax Credit Cap

This item sunsets the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program by prohibiting tax credit awards after fiscal year 2027 unless specifically authorized by an act of the General Assembly. This tax credit program is essential for the development of underutilized historic buildings in Ohio communities, and the sunset of the credit will jeopardize the gains Ohio has made in preserving and rehabilitating such buildings. Therefore, the partial veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 61

On page 203, delete the following boxed text, “, through fiscal year 2027,”.

On page 204, delete the following boxed text, “No amount of tax credit shall be allowed under this section after fiscal year 2027 unless specifically authorized by an act of the general assembly.”.

Film & Theatre Production and Capital Improvement Tax Credit

This item sunsets the film and theater production tax credit program by prohibiting the award of the tax credit after fiscal year 2027 unless specifically authorized by an act of the General Assembly. The film and theater production tax credit attracts major film and theater productions to Ohio, bringing jobs while highlighting Ohio’s appeal as a premier destination to live, work, and visit. The tax credit program is essential to compete with other states and to maintain a

strong film and theater industry in Ohio. Requiring a specific authorization to continue this tax credit program will jeopardize the gains Ohio has made in making the state an attractive location for filming and production. Therefore, a partial veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 62

On page 161, delete the boxed text beginning with “~~The applicant shall notify the tax credit...~~” and ending with “~~sold or transferred to each such person.~~”.

On page 163, delete the following boxed text, “~~whether~~”.

On page 164, delete the following boxed text, “~~a person~~”.

On page 164, delete the following boxed text, “~~acquired the rights to the tax credit certificate from the property owner, (3)~~”.

On page 164, delete the following boxed text, “~~(4)(3)~~”.

Technical TMUD Tax Credit Fix

This item makes programmatic changes to the Transformational Mixed-Use Development (TMUD) tax credit while removing the requirement that an applicant notify the Tax Credit Authority when a credit is sold or transferred. Without this notification, neither the Ohio Department of Development nor the Ohio Department of Taxation will know which party is entitled to claim the credit, which could support fraudulent tax filings. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 63

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “323.131.”.

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “5705.316.”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “323.131.”.

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “5705.316.”.

On page 478, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 323.131. (A) Each tax bill...” and ending with “reduced by the 2-1/2 per cent”.

On page 479, delete the boxed text beginning with “tax reduction for residences...” and ending with “in section 5323.01 of the Revised Code.”.

On page 1105, delete the boxed text beginning with “, unless the school district...” and ending with “or 5705.32 of the Revised Code”.

On page 1730, delete the boxed text beginning with “(d) For a manufactured or mobile...” and ending with “district’s excess carry-over balance.”.

On page 2433, delete the following boxed text, “~~such divisions-section 5705.316 of~~”.

On page 2433, delete the following boxed text, “the Revised Code.”.

On page 2434, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 5705.316 (A) A board...” and ending with “general operating budget from the”.

On page 2435, delete the boxed text beginning with “preceding fiscal year exceeds...” and ending with “(3) A joint state school district.”

On page 2436, delete the following boxed text, “Except as authorized by section 5705.316 of the Revised Code,”.

On page 2436, delete the following boxed text, “or section 5705.316 of the Revised”.

On page 2436, delete the following boxed text, “Code”.

On page 2705, delete the following boxed text, “323.131,”.

On page 3145, delete the boxed text beginning with “SECTION 757.110. Notwithstanding section...” and ending with “Code does not apply.”.

Cash Balance Carry-Over

This item would require county budget commissions to reduce rates on current school district expense levies in certain circumstances where a district’s carry-over balance is more than 40% of its general fund expenditures in the prior year. The budget commission would be mandated to reduce rates on current expense levies until the carry-over balance is decreased to below the 40% threshold.

While the intention to save taxpayer dollars is understandable, this item would significantly limit the amount of funding that school districts can carry over year-to-year, resulting in more districts asking taxpayers to pass levies more often, which could very well exacerbate property tax increases instead of reducing them. While seeking periodic taxpayer approval of levies is appropriate, this item is contrary to local control and will undermine efforts by school districts to manage their finances responsibly and follow best business practices. Further, the increased levy cycle could cause more levies to fail due to levy fatigue, impacting the overall financial stability of school districts. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 64

On page 2543, delete the boxed text beginning with “(4) A county having a population ...” and ending with “the effective date of this amendment.”.

Lodging Tax: Ashtabula County Convention Facility

This item requires only Ashtabula County to repeal a 2% special lodging tax used to fund the costs of a convention center. Targeting the repeal of a single county’s specialized lodging tax

creates disparate treatment among the counties using this tax authority. Additionally, this preempts the right of county voters to make the decision on their taxes. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 65

On page 473, delete the following boxed text, “As used in divisions (E)(2) and (3) of this section, "taxes charged and payable" has the same”.

On page 474, delete the boxed text beginning with “meaning as in division (B)(4)...” and ending with “of the Revised Code.”.

On page 474, delete the boxed text beginning with “(4) If a school district is affected...” and ending with “real property in that class.”.

On page 3149, delete the boxed text beginning with “SECTION 801.280. The amendment...” and ending with “effective date of this section.”.

20-Mill Floor Calculation

This item requires that emergency and substitute tax levies, incremental growth levies, conversion levies, and the property tax portion of combined income tax and property tax levies be included in the 20-mill floor calculation for school funding purposes. The DeWine-Tressel Administration recognizes the great need for property tax reform in Ohio and will convene a working group that will include legislators, agency officials, school officials, community members, and property tax experts to ensure this critical topic is given the attention deserved. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 66

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “133.18,”.

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “306.32, 306.322,”.

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “319.302,”.

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “345.01, 345.03, 345.04,”.

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “505.37, 505.48, 505.481,”.

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “511.28, 511.34, 513.18,”.

On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “755.181,”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “1545.041,”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “1545.21,”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “1711.30,”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3311.50,”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3316.041,”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3316.06,”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3318.01.”

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3318.06, 3318.061, 3318.062, “

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3318.063”.

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3318.361.”

On page 2, delete the following boxed text, “3318.45.”

On page 3, delete the following boxed text, “3381.03.”

On page 3, delete the following boxed text, “3505.06.”

On page 3, delete the following boxed text, “4582.024, 4582.26.”.

On page 5, delete the following boxed text, “5705.03.”

On page 5, delete the following boxed text, “5705.194, 5705.199, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.213, 5705.215, 5705.217, 5705.218, 5705.219, 5705.2111, 5705.2114, 5705.221,”

On page 5, delete the following boxed text, “ 5705.233,”

On page 5, delete the following boxed text, “5705.25, 5705.251, 5705.261,”.

On page 5, delete the following boxed text, “5705.55.”

On page 5, delete the following boxed text, “5709.92.”

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “5705.17.”

On page 7, delete the following boxed text, “5705.192, 5705.195, 5705.196, 5705.197,”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “133.18.”

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “306.32, 306.322,”.

On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “319.302,”.

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On page 8, delete the following boxed text, “1711.30,”.

On page 9, delete the following boxed text, “3311.50,”.

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On page 9, delete the following boxed text, “3316.06,”.

On page 9, delete the following boxed text, “3318.01,”.

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On page 9, delete the following boxed text, “3318.45,”.

On page 9, delete the following boxed text, “3381.03,”.

On page 9, delete the following boxed text, “3505.06,”.

On page 10, delete the following boxed text, “4582.024, 4582.26,”.

On page 11, delete the following boxed text, “5705.03,”.

On page 11, delete the following boxed text, “5705.194, 5705.199, 5705.21, 5705.212, 5705.213, 5705.215, 5705.217, 5705.218, 5705.219, 5705.2111, 5705.2114, 5705.221,”.

On page 11, delete the following boxed text, “5705.233, 5705.25, 5705.251, 5705.261,”.

On page 11, delete the following boxed text, “5705.55,”.

On page 11, delete the following boxed text, “5705.92,”.

On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “5705.17,”

On page 280, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 133.18 (A)...” and ending with “annual property tax levy for”.

On page 281, delete the boxed text.

On page 282, delete the boxed text.

On page 283, delete the boxed text.

On page 441, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 306.32 Any...” and ending with “county commissioners of”.

On page 442, delete the boxed text.

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On page 446, delete the boxed text.

On page 447, delete the boxed text.

On page 448, delete the boxed text beginning with, “the additional political...” and ending with “as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.”

On page 473, delete the following boxed text, ~~“A tax or portion of a tax that is designated a replacement levy under section 5705.192 of the Revised Code is not a renewal of an existing tax for purposes of this division.”~~

On page 476, delete the following boxed text, “, as it existed before the effective date of this amendment.”.

On page 482, delete the following boxed text, “(B)(1) As used in division (B) of this section, “qualifying levy” has the same meaning as in section 319.302 of the Revised Code.”

On page 482, delete the following boxed text, ~~“For the purposes of this division, “qualifying levy” has the same meaning as in section 319.302 of the Revised Code.”~~

On page 512, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 345.01. (A)...” and ending with “functions related to it.”

On page 513, delete the boxed text.

On page 514, delete the boxed text beginning with “Against the Tax Levy...” and ending with “...may be submitted at the same election”.

On page 520, delete the boxed text stating with “Sec. 505.37. (A)...” and ending with “circulation within the township;”.

On page 521, delete the boxed text.

On page 522, delete the boxed text.

On page 523, delete the boxed text.

On page 524, delete the following boxed text, “shall be offered for sale on the open market or given to the vendor or contractor if no sale is made.”

On page 524, delete the boxed text, “beginning with “Sec. 505.48. (A)...” and ending with “a two-thirds vote of the”.

On page 525, delete the boxed text.

On page 526, delete the boxed text.

On page 527, delete the boxed text beginning with “provided in the resolution” and ending with “section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.”

On page 529, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 511.28 A copy...” and ending with “expressed in dollars for”.

On page 530, delete the boxed text.

On page 531, delete the boxed text.

On page 532, delete the boxed text.

On page 533, delete the boxed text beginning with “Shall _____ (name of the township)...” and ending with “section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.”

On page 539, delete the following boxed text, “~~replaced or~~”

On page 582, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 755.181. The...” and ending with “their position upon”.

On page 583, delete the boxed text beginning with “certification of a withdrawal” and ending with “...section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.”

On page 692, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 1545.041. (A)...” and ending with “at the next primary or”.

On page 693, delete the boxed text.

On page 694, delete the boxed text.

On page 695, delete the boxed text beginning with, “~~Code, certify the effective rate~~” and ending with “section 9.95 of the Revised Code”

On page 695, delete the boxed text beginning with, “(D) As used in this section...” and ending with “section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.”

On page 725, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 1711.30. Before...” and ending with “has the same meaning”.

On page 726, delete the following boxed text, “as in section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.”

On page 986, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3311.50. (A)...” and ending with “section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.”.

On page 987, delete the boxed text.

On page 988, delete the boxed text.

On page 989, delete the boxed text beginning with, “legal existence by reason of...” and ending with “territory under this section.”

On page 1100, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3316.041. (A)...” and ending with “or refinanced loans, and”.

On page 1101, delete the boxed text beginning with “sets forth the means” and ending with, “or refinanced under this section.”

On page 1101, delete the boxed language beginning with “Sec. 3316.06. (A)...” and ending with “used for purposes not”.

On page 1102, delete the boxed text.

On page 1103, delete the boxed text beginning with, “otherwise received under...” and ending with “unless the director has approved it.”

On page 1204, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 3318.01. As...” and ending with “commission created pursuant to”.

On page 1205, delete the boxed text.

On page 1206, delete the boxed text.

On page 1207, delete the boxed text beginning with, “parent or guardian...” and ending with, “section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.”

On page 1209, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 3318.06. (A)...” and ending with “shall be used to pay the”.

On page 1210, delete the boxed text.

On page 1211, delete the boxed text.

On page 1212, delete the boxed text.

On page 1213, delete the boxed text.

On page 1214, delete the boxed text.

On page 1215, delete the boxed text.

On page 1216, delete the boxed text.

On page 1218, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 3318.361. A school...” and ending with “amounts to \$ _____ for each”.

On page 1219, delete the boxed text beginning with, “\$100,000 of the county auditor's...” and ending with “AGAINST THE TAX LEVY”.

On page 1220, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 3318.45. (A)...” and ending with “For the bond issue”.

On page 1221, delete the boxed text.

On page 1222, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Code, the question to be...” and ending with “terms of the agreement.”

On page 1300, delete the following boxed text, “~~or~~”

On page 1300, delete the following boxed text “~~replaced in accordance with section 5705.191 of the Revised Code~~”

On page 1308, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 3381.03. Any...” and ending with “township trustees of each township”.

On page 1309, delete the boxed text.

On page 1310, delete the boxed text beginning with, “special election occurring...” and ending with “section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.”

On page 1331, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 3505.06. (A)...” and ending with “occurred, and is not”.

On page 1332, delete the boxed text.

On page 1333, delete the boxed text beginning with, “issue appears on...” and ending with “or against that question.”

On page 1816, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 4582.024. After...” and ending with “resolution of the county”.

On page 1817, delete the boxed text.

On page 1818, delete the boxed text.

On page 1819, delete the boxed text.

On page 1820, delete the boxed text beginning with, “duplicate and collected” and ending with “section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.”.

On page 2371, delete the following boxed text, “~~appraised~~ market”.

On page 2372, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 5705.03. (A) The taxing...” and ending with “(B)(1) of this section,”.

On page 2373, delete the boxed text.

On page 2374, delete the boxed text beginning with, “the rate or effective rate...” and ending with “of the appropriate fund.”.

On page 2380, delete the boxed text beginning with, “Sec. 5705.17. (A)...” and ending with “proceeds derived from one or”.

On page 2381, delete the boxed text.

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On page 2414, delete the boxed text beginning with “district. Notwithstanding ~~sections~~” and ending with “~~which the county withdrew.~~”.
On page 2416, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 5705.233. (A) As used...” and ending with “for which the board may”.
On page 2417, delete the boxed text.
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On page 2426, delete the boxed text.
On page 2427, delete the boxed text beginning with “school district and to partnering community schools...” and ending with “which the levy was imposed before the decrease.”.
On page 2446, delete the following boxed text, “~~or~~” as it appears two times.
On page 2446, delete the following boxed text, “~~replacement~~” as it appears two times.
On page 2446, delete the following boxed text, “~~or replacement~~”.

On page 2448, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 5705.55. (A) The board of directors...” and ending with “section 5705.19 of the”.

On page 2449, delete the boxed text.

On page 2450, delete the boxed text beginning with “provided in section 133.10...” and ending with “impacted lake district was created.”.

On page 2454, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 5709.92. (A) As used...” and ending with “5705.194 to 5705.197 of”.

On page 2455, delete the boxed text.

On page 2456, delete the boxed text.

On page 2457, delete the boxed text.

On page 2458, delete the boxed text.

On page 2459, delete the boxed text beginning with “school district in that section, and...” and ending with “under this section in fiscal year 2017.”.

On page 2661, delete the boxed text beginning with ““The county auditor's...” and ending with “section 5705.01 of the Revised Code”.

On page 2662, delete the boxed text beginning with “(J) “~~The county auditor's...~~” and ending with “~~section 5705.01 of the Revised Code.~~”.

On page 2663, delete the following boxed text, “~~appraised-market~~”.

On page 2667, delete the following boxed text, “~~appraised-market~~”.

On page 2669, delete the following boxed text, “~~the county auditor's appraised-market~~”.

On page 2671, delete the following boxed text, “~~appraised-market~~”.

On page 2672, delete the following boxed text, “~~appraised-market~~” as it appears two times.

On page 2674, delete the following boxed text, “~~, in the same manner as required by section 5705.195 of the Revised Code,~~”.

On page 2675, delete the following boxed text, “~~appraised-market~~” as it appears two times.

On page 2676, delete the following boxed text, “~~appraised-market~~”.

On page 2677, delete the following boxed text, “, before the”.

On page 2677, delete the following boxed text, “effective date of this amendment,”.

On page 2677, delete the following boxed text, “~~appraised-market~~”.

On page 2678, delete the following boxed text, “,”.

On page 2678, delete the following boxed text, “before the effective date of this amendment,”.

On page 2678, delete the following boxed text, “~~in the same manner as required by section~~”.

On page 2678, delete the following boxed text, “~~5705.195 of the Revised Code~~”.

On page 2679, delete the following boxed text, “~~appraised~~”.

On page 2679, delete the following boxed text, “market”.

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On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “5705.55.”
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On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “5705.195.”
On page 2708, delete the following boxed text, “5705.196, 5705.197.”
On page 3149, delete the boxed text beginning with “SECTION 801.310. (A) Except as otherwise provided...” and ending with “on or after January 1, 2026.”.

School District Property Tax Levy Restrictions

This item eliminates the authority for political subdivisions to levy replacement property tax levies and the authority for school districts to levy fixed-sum emergency, substitute emergency levies, and combined school district income tax and fixed-sum property tax levies. These levies serve as important tools for school districts as they seek to maintain their long-term financial stability. The DeWine-Tressel Administration recognizes the great need for property tax reform in Ohio and will convene a working group that will include legislators, agency officials, school officials, community members, and property tax experts to ensure this critical topic is given the attention deserved. Therefore, the veto of this item is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 67

On page 6, delete the following boxed text, “3375.47.”
On page 12, delete the following boxed text, “3375.47.”
On page 1307, delete the boxed text beginning with “Sec. 3375.47. A public library created...” and ending with “persons under the age of eighteen.”.

Restrictions on Public Libraries

This item would place vague restrictions on public libraries in an effort to regulate the placement of certain material within a public general circulation library. No child should have access to

inappropriate materials or to materials that their parents or guardians deem inappropriate. In Ohio, we have strong laws on obscenity and material harmful to juveniles, and the DeWine-Tressel Administration expects those laws to be enforced. Therefore, a veto of this item is in the public interest.

For all of the foregoing reasons, these vetoes are in the public interest.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this 30th day of June, Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mike DeWine, Governor

This will acknowledge the receipt of a copy of this veto message of House Bill 96 that was disapproved in part by Governor Mike DeWine on June 30, 2025.

Name and Title of Officer

Date and Time of Receipt

End