

Ohio History Connection				Main Operating Appropriations Bill H.B. 96			
Executive		As Passed By House		As Passed By Senate		As Enacted	
OHSCD5	OHC American Indian Burial Sites						
R.C.	149.3010, 149.43, 2909.05, 2927.11	R.C.	149.3010, 149.43, 2909.05, 2927.11			R.C.	149.3010, 149.43
Requires burial sites used by OHC for the repatriation of American Indian remains to have an easement, enforceable by OHC, to preserve the burial sites.		Same as the Executive.		No provision.		Same as the Executive.	
Exempts records related to such burial sites from disclosure under the Ohio Public Records Act, and excludes them from the 75-year disclosure requirement.		Same as the Executive.		No provision.		Same as the Executive.	
Includes such burial sites in the criminal offenses of desecration and vandalism.		Same as the Executive.		No provision.		No provision.	
Fiscal effect: Minimal.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.				Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	
OHSCD1	Subsidy Appropriation						
Section:	297.20	Section:	297.20	Section:	297.20	Section:	297.20
Requires, upon approval by the OBM Director, that appropriations made to the OHC be released in quarterly amounts.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Requires OHC funds and fiscal records be examined by independent certified public accountants approved by the AOS, and a copy of the audited financial statements be filed with OBM.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Requires the appropriations made to OHC be the contractual consideration provided by the state to support the state’s offer to contract with OHC.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	

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OHSCD2	UNESCO World Heritage Sites			
Section: 297.20		Section: 297.20	Section: 297.20	Section: 297.20
Requires GRF ALI 360402, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, to pay for operating costs for approved United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage sites in Ohio.		Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
OHSCD3	State Historical Grants			
Section: 297.20		Section: 297.20	Section: 297.20	Section: 297.20
Makes the following earmarks from GRF ALI 360508, State Historical Grants:		Same as the Executive, but makes the following changes to the earmarks:	Same as the Executive, but makes the following changes to the earmarks:	Same as the Executive, but makes the following changes to the earmarks:
(1) \$350,000 in each fiscal year for the Western Reserve Historical Society.		(1) Same as the Executive.	(1) Same as the Executive.	(1) Same as the Executive.
(2) \$350,000 in each fiscal year for the Cincinnati Museum Center.		(2) Same as the Executive.	(2) Same as the Executive.	(2) Same as the Executive.
(3) No provision.		(3) \$150,000 in FY 2026 for Wadsworth Area Historical Society and the preservation of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church located in Wadsworth, Ohio.	(3) No provision.	(3) Same as the House.
OHSCD4	Outreach and Partnership			
Section: 297.20				
Earmarks \$1,819,085 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 360509, Outreach and Partnership, to be used for students and teachers to access the Ohio as America social studies curriculum in partnership with DEW.		No provision.	No provision.	No provision.
Requires OHC to report the number of students, teachers, and schools using the curriculum to OBM quarterly.		No provision.	No provision.	No provision.

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OHSCD7	Ohio Commission for the U.S. Semiquincentennial		
	Section: 297.20	Section: 297.20	Section: 297.20
	No provision.	No provision.	Same as the House.
OHSCD8	Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission		
	Section: 297.20	Section: 297.20	Section: 297.20
	No provision.	Requires that GRF ALI 360401, Ohio Commission for the U.S. Semiquincentennial be used for grants across the state in support of the U.S. Semiquincentennial.	Same as the Senate.
OHSCD8	Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission		
	Section: 297.20	Section: 297.20	Section: 297.20
	No provision.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.

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DEVCD19 Appalachia Assistance			
Section: 259.20	Section: 259.20	Section: 259.20	Section: 259.20
Allows GRF ALI 195455, Appalachia Assistance, to be used for (a) the administrative costs of planning and liaison activities for the Governor's Office of Appalachia; (b) financial assistance to projects in Ohio's Appalachian counties; (c) support of the four local development districts; (d) payment of dues for the Appalachian Regional Commission; and (e) as a match for federal funding received from the Appalachian Regional Commission.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires that programs funded through the ALI be identified and recommended by the local development districts and approved by the Governor's Office of Appalachia.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires DEV to conduct compliance and regulatory review of the programs recommended by the local development districts, and allows moneys allocated under the ALI to be used to fund projects including those designated by the local development districts as community investment and rapid response projects.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Buckeye Hills Regional Council.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Earmarks \$210,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments.	Same as the Executive, but requires the earmark to be used to support the study and construction of oil and natural gas pipelines within Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires the four local development districts receiving this funding to use the funds for the implementation and administration of programs and duties under the Governor's Office of Appalachia.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Earmarks \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.	Same as the Executive, but decreases the earmark to \$2,750,000.	Same as the House.	No provision.
Earmarks \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to support the Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service to work on behalf of the Mayor's Partnership for Progress.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive, but earmarks \$850,000 in each fiscal year.	Same as the Executive.

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No provision.	Earmarks \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI to the Appalachian Ohio Manufacturers Coalition to create a workforce reentry pilot program in Meigs, Athens, Morgan, Noble, Monroe, and Washington counties for individuals who have graduated from behavioral health recovery programs. Requires the program to be jointly developed and administered with the Appalachian Children Coalition, in consultation with the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services.	No provision.	Same as the House, but earmarks \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year.
No provision.	Earmarks \$500,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI for the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia.	No provision.	Same as the House, but earmarks \$750,000 in each fiscal year.
No provision.	Earmarks \$250,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI for the FosterHub in Hocking County.	No provision.	Same as the House, but earmarks \$375,000 in each fiscal year.
No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Earmarks \$250,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI for Integrated Services for Behavioral Health to support a behavioral health emergency pilot program.
No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Earmarks \$100,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI for the Tuscarawas County Commissioners for the Tuscarawas County Growth Initiative.
No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Earmarks \$150,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI for the City of Athens to support a southeast Ohio regional agricultural initiative.

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No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Earmarks \$500,000 in each fiscal year from the ALI for Shawnee State University to support the Civic and Culture Program for Appalachia.
No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Earmarks \$375,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the ALI to be used in coordination with the Ohio History Connection to celebrate and recognize the Northwest Ordinance Commemoration.
No provision.	No provision.	No provision.	Earmarks \$500,000 in FY 2026 and \$875,000 in FY 2027 from the ALI to support the Veterans and First Responders Appalachian Assistance Program, with the DEV Director in coordination with the DVS Director setting criteria for distributing funding under the program.

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AUDCD9	AOS duties			R.C.	9.35, 117.11, 117.38, 117.44, 149.10, 149.30, 169.13, 306.43, 308.13, 317.20, 319.04, 321.03, 323.611, 501.09, 501.11, 507.12, 703.34, 733.81, 735.05, 749.31, 1533.13, 3313.27, 3314.011, 3314.038, 3314.08, 3315.18, 3315.181, 3317.035, 3318.051, 3318.48, 3326.51, 3328.16, 3345.591, 3375.39, 3375.92, 3381.11, 3709.15, 3717.071, 5117.12, 5310.06, 5705.12, 5705.121, 5705.28, 5705.29, 5923.30, 5705.38, 6101.55; R.C. 117.113, 117.251, 117.441, 117.51, 501.03, 3314.50, 4115.31, 4115.32, 4115.33, 4115.34, 4115.35, 4115.36 (repealed)	R.C.	9.35, 117.11, 117.38, 117.44, 149.10, 149.30, 169.13, 306.43, 308.13, 317.20, 319.04, 321.03, 323.611, 501.09, 501.11, 507.12, 703.34, 733.81, 735.05, 749.31, 1533.13, 3313.27, 3314.011, 3314.038, 3314.08, 3315.18, 3315.181, 3317.035, 3318.051, 3318.48, 3326.51, 3328.16, 3345.591, 3375.39, 3375.92, 3381.11, 3709.15, 3717.071, 5117.12, 5310.06, 5705.12, 5705.121, 5705.28, 5705.29, 5923.30, 5705.38, 6101.55; R.C. 117.113, 117.251, 117.441, 117.51, 501.03, 3314.50, 4115.31, 4115.32, 4115.33, 4115.34, 4115.35, 4115.36 (repealed)
		No provision.	No provision.	The bill makes various changes to laws related to AOS, as follows:		Same as the Senate.	
		No provision.	No provision.	Makes subject to audit any books and records that are both maintained by public officials and contracted out for electronic data processing or computer services. Removes the requirement that the parties give “satisfactory assurance” to AOS that affected records will be subject to audit as under current law.		Same as the Senate.	
		No provision.	No provision.	Repeals a redundant provision requiring the AOS to audit each science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) school every fiscal year.		Same as the Senate.	

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No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates the AOS's duty to audit a school district serving as a STEM school sponsoring district for compliance with STEM school financing requirements.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Repeals a provision requiring the AOS to make a notation on an audit report for a county treasurer's office if the treasurer invested at least 10% of the county's money in eligible institutions.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Requires the annual financial report filed by public offices under continuing law to include budgetary comparison information as required by the applicable reporting framework or as prescribed by the AOS.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes the requirement for the AOS to operate a fiduciary training program annually for members and employees of state boards and commissions.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Transfers custodian responsibility for Ohio's public land records from the AOS to the OHS.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Requires executive agencies to receive pre-approval from the AOS for internally produced or independently produced audit reports.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Changes an erroneous reference in the Unclaimed Funds Law from AOS to OBM, which is responsible for paying unclaimed funds held by the state to the owner.	Same as the Senate.

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No provision.	No provision.	Requires county auditors, township fiscal officers, and municipal fiscal officers to retain documentation of required completed initial and continuing education courses. Additionally requires the AOS to audit for compliance with the continuing education requirements.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates AOS's duty to adopt rules for verifying the completion of initial education programs and continuing education courses for individuals elected or appointed to the office of township fiscal officer, duty to issue a certificate of completion for such programs and courses, and duty to issue "failure to complete" notices for such programs and courses.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates the AOS's duty to adopt rules for verifying the completion of initial education programs and continuing education courses for fiscal officers, duty to issue a certificate of completion for such programs and courses, and duty to issue "failure to complete" notices for such programs and courses.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Requires the County Auditors Association of Ohio, rather than the AOS, to issue notices to county auditors who have not completed the required coursework.	Same as the Senate.

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No provision.	No provision.	Requires township and municipal fiscal officers’ continuing education to include knowledge about bulletins or other information published by the AOS and any other subject deemed appropriate by the AOS.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes the AOS from the process for a county to have sectional indexes made.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Transfers, from the AOS to DAS, the responsibility to issue deeds for property that was originally appropriated by Congress for the support of schools and ministerial purposes.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes the requirement that AOS prescribe the form/manner of records that clerks, fiscal officers, and other agents must keep related to certain wildlife/hunting/fishing permits and licenses.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Requires DEW instead of AOS to require the fiscal officer of a community school or college-preparatory boarding school to execute a bond.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes AOS as a recipient of an annual report submitted by community schools about students who live in a children’s residential center.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes the requirement for a community school’s governing authority to file a bond or submit a written guarantee of payment for audit costs.	Same as the Senate.

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No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates the requirement that the DEW consult the AOS in reducing certain amounts payable to certain community schools.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates the Director of DEW and AOS's duty to jointly establish a method for auditing certain community schools.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates the Director of DEW, AOS, and Governor's duty to jointly make recommendations to the General Assembly for legislative changes to assure fiscal and academic accountability for certain community schools.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes the authority of the AOS to (1) alter the formula used to calculate the amount a school district must deposit into their Capital and Maintenance Fund and (2) designate alternative sources of revenue a school district can deposit the fund.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Requires a school district, rather than AOS, to notify DEW when the school district transfers the required deposit for certain projects.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes the requirement that the AOS issue a finding for recovery against a school district when funds are overdue to the FCC. Instead, requires FCC to certify the amount to the AGO for collection.	Same as the Senate.

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No provision.	No provision.	Removes the AOS or their representative as an alternate person responsible for counting all remaining money, bonds, and other securities of a library's or board of education's fiscal officer.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates the requirement that each subdivision and school library district budget include additional information prescribed by AOS.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Allows the AOS full discretion in selecting which school districts to audit for enrollment information.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates the requirement that school district appropriation measures be in the form prescribed by AOS after consultation with the Tax Commissioner.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes the requirement for the AOS to consult TAX when political subdivisions request approval to create a new fund under Ohio's Tax Levy Law.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Changes the AOS's duty to audit certain safeguards implemented by state institutions of higher education from a minimum of four performance audits each biennium to at least once every two fiscal years.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes the authority of AGR and DOH to ask AOS to audit retail food establishment license fees or food service operation license fees charged by a local board of health.	Same as the Senate.

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No provision.	No provision.	Removes the requirement for DEV to consult with AOS when preparing reports about the impact of the prohibition against discontinuing heating services on the number of uncollectible and past due residential accounts.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes AOS and SOS from the process for investing money received by the courts for the assurance fund.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes AOS from the process of filing an action against an officer of the organized militia who cannot properly account for property/money in the officer’s possession.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Requires the judges that preside over conservancy districts, instead of the AOS, to consider approvals for modifying the form of the annual levy portion of a conservancy district’s assessment record.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Removes outdated provisions from the Revised Code related to the now-abolished State Committee for the Purchase of Products and Services by Persons with Severe Disabilities.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates the ability of the head of a department, board, commission, or district authority entitled to participate in any appropriation or revenue of a subdivision to file an estimate of contemplated revenue and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year on a form prescribed by AOS.	Same as the Senate.

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No provision.	No provision.	Eliminates the requirement that a tax budget present certain information in such detail as prescribed by AOS. Fiscal effect: Minimal.	Same as the Senate. Fiscal effect: Same as the Senate.