

HB 318 – Senate Sub Bill draft synopsis

- Allow one-third of the scheduled income tax reduction to go into effect rather than freezing the full reduction
- Create a trigger mechanism by which an increased portion of or the full scheduled income tax rate reduction would occur if the Governor moves forward on VLTs, or if excess casino revenues are generated within the biennium and could be used to offset GRF
- Restores \$25 million in FY 10 and \$35 million in FY 11 for chartered, nonpublic schools which were disproportionately cut in the budget process
- Transfer the casino licensure fees, approved by voters as 'state issue 3,' into the GRF to offset current regional job program expenditures
- Grant waivers for school districts regarding unfunded mandates for all-day kindergarten and class size reductions
- Allow school districts to privatize transportation services if they choose to do so
- Provide flexibility in state report cards for school districts that failed to meet adequate yearly progress (AYP) in certain sub groups
- Allow broader use of joint purchasing by education service centers and school purchasing consortia
- Inclusion of the SB190 ROTC high school credit provisions
- Inclusion of Ohio Construction Reform Panel recommendations as drafted by DAS (draft LSC 1411-3)
- Requirement that DAS implement paperwork reduction/cost savings strategies
- Inclusion of comprehensive sentencing reforms
- Establishment of an oil & gas drilling pilot program on state-owned land at Salt Fork
- Removal of pay cut language as it is now contained in SB209
- Create of a privatization commission to study state functions that could be privatized
- Specify that future collective bargaining contracts let by the state will coincide with the state's biennial budget timeframe
- Require that three state agencies (DNR, EDU, and ODOT) undergo performance audits
- Study a state government restructuring plan similar to those proposed in SB52 and HB25
- Study potential cost savings and economic benefits to Ohio employers and injured workers by allowing private insurance companies to compete with the BWC
- Require the Auditor of State's Office to determine if BWC has adequate reserves compared to industry standards and to recommend rebates if an over-reserve is determined to exist
- Study cost savings which may be achieved if the state were to go to a four-day workweek
- Transfers functions of the School Employee Health Care Board to DAS and deletes GRF appropriation in EDU
- Transfer \$15 million per FY from the liquor profits fund into the GRF
- Transfer \$15 million per FY from the Housing Trust Fund into the GRF
- Transfer \$1 million per fiscal year in total from three Public Safety education funds (83G0, 83N0, and 8440)
- Specify that the insurance settlement funds for the Lake Hope State Park lodge be used for the purpose of fixing that site
- Use half of the current scrap tire fee to provide funding to the state's Soil & Water districts
- Ensures correct appropriation authority for the Department of Mental Health's 408 line item