

Executive

As Passed by the House

As Passed by the Senate

As Enacted

LECCD1 Cash transfers to the Lake Erie Protection Fund

**Section: 319.10**

(1) Permits the Director of Budget and Management, on July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer up to \$25,000 from each of the following funds to the Lake Erie Protection Fund (Fund 4C00):

(a) Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0) used by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

(b) Pesticide, Fertilizer and Lime Fund (Fund 6690) used by the Department of Agriculture.

(c) General Operations Fund (Fund 4700) used by the Department of Health.

(d) Central Support Indirect Fund (Fund 1570) used by the Department of Natural Resources.

(2) Permits the Director of Budget and Management, on July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer \$25,000 from a fund used by the Development Services Agency, as specified by the Director of Development Services, to Fund 4C00.

(3) Permits Fund 4C00 to accept contributions and transfers made to the fund.

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(1) Same as the Executive, but requires that cash transfers be subject to the approval of the Controlling Board.

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(2) Same as the Executive, but requires that cash transfers be subject to the approval of the Controlling Board.

(3) Same as the Executive.

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**AGRCD14 Creation of the H2Ohio Fund**

**R.C. 126.60**

Creates the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) in the state treasury consisting of money credited to it and any donations, gifts, bequests, and other money received for deposit in the Fund.

Requires Fund 6H20 to be used for the following purposes: (1) awarding or allocating grants or money, issuing loans, or making purchases for the development and implementation of projects and programs that are designed to address water quality priorities, (2) funding cooperative research, data gathering and monitoring, and demonstration projects related to water quality priorities, (3) encouraging cooperation with and among leaders from state legislatures, state agencies, political subdivisions, business and industry, labor, agriculture, environmental organizations, and water conservation districts, and (4) other purposes, policies, programs, and priorities identified by the Lake Erie Commission (LEC) in coordination with the state agencies or boards responsible for water protection and water management.

Requires that the LEC, in coordination with state agencies or boards responsible for water protection and water management, prepare a report on the activities undertaken under Fund 6H20 during the immediately preceding FY,

**R.C. 126.60**

Same as the Executive.

Same as the Executive, but also includes institutions of higher education in the list of entities specified in (3) for which H2Ohio Fund money may be used to encourage cooperation.

Same as the Executive, but requires the H2Ohio Advisory Council in coordination with LEC to prepare the report not later than August 31, 2020, and annually thereafter.

**R.C. 126.60**

Same as the Executive.

Same as the Executive, but allows Fund 6H20 to be used for the following three types of projects (which are designed to improve water quality by reducing or aiding in the reduction of levels of phosphorus, nitrogen, or sediment in Ohio waters): (1) agricultural water projects, which focus on agricultural practices, (2) community water projects, which involve a public water system operated by a political subdivision, and (3) nature water projects, which involve a natural water system.

Same as the Executive.

**R.C. 126.60**

Same as the Executive.

Same as the Senate, but also includes the House provision that adds institutions of higher education in the list of entities specified in (3) under the Executive column for which H2Ohio Fund money may be used to encourage cooperation.

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including the revenues and expenses of the fund for the preceding fiscal year, and submit the report to the General Assembly and the Governor.

**Fiscal effect: Corresponding uncodified provisions in the bill require the following amounts to be transferred to Fund 6H20: (1) a portion of FY 2019 GRF surplus revenue (up to \$100 million plus any remaining surplus after other specified transfers listed in OBMCD44), and (2) the entire balance of FY 2020 and FY 2021 GRF surplus (see OBMCD56). Altogether, the bill appropriates \$85.2 million in FY 2020 under Fund 6H20 to be used by AGR, DNR, and EPA for water quality initiatives.**

**Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive, but in the two corresponding uncodified provisions (1) limits the amount of the FY 2019 GRF surplus to be transferred to Fund 6H20 to up to \$86 million only (see OBMCD44), and (2) removes the provision that requires FY 2020 and FY 2021 GRF surplus revenues to be deposited into Fund 6H20 (see OBMCD56).**

**Fiscal effect: Same as the House, but increases the amount of the FY 2019 GRF surplus to be transferred to Fund 6H20 to up to \$172 million (see OBMCD44).**

**Fiscal effect: Same as the Senate (see OBMCD44), but in addition requires 50% of the GRF surplus revenue at the end of FY 2021 to be transferred to Fund 6H20 (see OBMCD56).**

AGRCD18 H2Ohio Advisory Council

No provision.

**R.C. 126.60, 126.61, 126.62**  
Requires the AGR, EPA, and DNR Directors to each prepare an annual plan for H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) expenditures that, at a minimum, describes the following: (1) funding priorities, (2) specific programs, projects, or entities proposed to receive funding, and (3) internal controls and external accountability measures that will be put in place to ensure that the funding is properly used. (See AGRRCD14 for uses of the new H2Ohio Fund.)

**Section: 701.15**  
Replaces the House provision with one that requires the Directors of AGR, DNR, and EPA to each convene their own separate advisory boards in both FY 2020 and FY 2021 to determine the Department or Agency's priorities for water quality funding and to determine the projects and programs that will be funded by the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20).

No provision.

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Creates the H2Ohio Advisory Council, consisting of the following members: (1) AGR Director or Director's designee, (2) EPA Director or

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	<p>Director's designee, (3) DNR Director or Director's designee, (4) LEC Executive Director, (5) two members appointed by the President of the Senate, (6) two members appointed by the Speaker of the House, and (7) 10 members who represent various specific interests who are appointed by the Governor with the advise and consent of the Senate.</p>		
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Requires the Council to do all of the following: (1) review and approve or disapprove the annual plans submitted by the AGR, EPA, and DNR, and (2) adopt bylaws governing its operation, including the process for reviewing and approving or disapproving the submitted plans, the frequency of meetings, and other relevant operating procedures.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>	<p>No provision.</p>
<p>No provision.</p>	<p>Requires LEC, AGR, and EPA to provide administrative support to the Council. Requires LEC to provide the location for Council meetings.</p> <p><b>Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs for AGR, EPA, and DNR to prepare an annual plan and to reimburse members of the Council for expenses.</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p> <p><b>Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative costs for AGR, DNR, and EPA to convene advisory boards.</b></p>	<p>No provision.</p>