



Sub HB 153 Biennial Budget TANF Spending Plan Recommendations

TANF Plan Observations

- Cash Assistance Projection differences
 - 2012 – ODJFS projects \$47 M higher spending than LSC
 - 2013 – ODJFS projects \$67 M higher spending than LSC
- MOE differences – seems ODJFS is claiming more than required
 - \$417 M required, \$424 M claimed...
 - Add in KPI now (\$3.5 M and \$2.5 M)
 - Only \$15 M/yr. claimed for 2nd Harvest Food Banks? In 2010 \$28 M documented????
 - Math: \$424 – \$417 (what’s required) = \$7M + \$3.5 (KPI) = \$10.5 M + \$7 M (half of 2nd Harvest difference) = **\$17.5 M/year EXTRA MOE (conservative estimate)**
- TANF Child Support Collections line 658 - \$34 M/year projected, all claimed for MOE (historically only using \$23 M for MOE)
- TANF Workforce Participation Penalties mounting...now 3 years, need to address

Proposed Solutions

1. **Redirect half of ODJFS/LSC difference each year TANF County PRC Allocation line** to soften the \$80 M/year cut (27% cut!) This will assist with PRC and Child Welfare activities at the local level:

Add Temporary Law Section 309 as follows:

Of Line 600-689 above, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services shall allocate no less than \$245 million in SFY 12 and \$255 million in SFY 13 to county departments of job and family services for their use in providing services to vulnerable families. Of these allocations, each county department of job and family services may transfer up to the amount identified for that purpose in SFY 11 to Title XX, as long as the total statewide for each year does not exceed \$67 million.

2. **Redirect \$10 M / year from line 658 child Support Collections, to Child Support Match (line 502).** CSEAs can then match these funds with Title IV-D and they will become \$30 M/year!

Amendment:

Section 309.40.40. CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS/TANF MOE

Of the foregoing appropriation item 600658, Child Support Collections, \$10 M / year shall be redirected to line 600502 to support local Child Support Enforcement Agency activities. The remainder shall be used by the Department of Job and Family Services to meet the TANF maintenance of effort requirements of 42 U.S.C. 609(a)(7). When the state is assured that it will meet the maintenance of effort requirement, the Department of Job and Family Services may use funds from appropriation item 600658, Child Support Collections, to support public assistance activities including improving Ohio’s workforce participation rates and child support enforcement.

GRF	600502	Administration – Local	\$16,814,103	\$26,814,103	\$16,814,103	\$26,814,103
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3. **Develop strategy on TANF Workforce Participation Rates –**

- **target to Metros for biggest impact** – convene metro JFSs to jointly develop strategy, involve Hamilton as they have excellent performance (ODJFS convened strategy meeting)
- **use claimed MOE to fund** – use of the Child Support Collections line is not dedicated otherwise, and even with redirection of \$10 M / year to local CSEAs, that still leaves plenty (\$34 M line 658 + \$17.5 M extra MOE - \$10 M to local CSEAs = \$41.5 M / year)
- **once TANF workforce strategy is developed and needed investment IDed, create a 50/50 split from remaining Child Support Collections line for ODJFS needs and CSEA allocation.**