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Budget heading to the Governor

The state's biennium budget (HB 64) was passed mostly by party line votes by the Senate on Thursday by a margin of 23-9. The House followed suite and passed the measure out Friday morning also mostly on party lines by a vote of 61-33. The budget is now headed to the Governor John Kasich for his vetoes and signature.

The CCAO position prevailed on our two key issues. Funding was provided to provide a 50% reimbursement rate for indigent defense costs and the current language regarding placing an unfunded mandate on counties for adult protective services was preserved.

The Legislative Service Commission [Comparison Document](#) and [Spreadsheet](#) provide details of the final budget bill as recommended by the Conference Committee. The amendments made by the Conference Committee to the bill can be found on the [Conference Committee's website](#) under June 24.

CCAO Budget Priorities/Results:

Comp Doc #	Issue Description	Outcome from Conference
PUB GRF line items 019403, 019404, and 019501	Indigent defense funding	CCAO supported the House version which was adopted that provides funding to support 50% state reimbursement
PUBCD7	Reimbursement incentive - while the reimbursement rate is set at 40%. If counties compensate assigned council at an hourly rate exceeding \$50.00 per hour then they will receive 50% reimbursement plus and an additional 5% supplement based upon the amount of state reimbursement for assigned counsel.	Senate Proposal was not included

<p>PUBCD8</p>	<p>Capital case reimbursement for indigent defense.</p> <p>Senate proposal "earmarks" \$1.8 million of the county reimbursement line item GRF 019501 for county reimbursement for capital murder cases.</p>	<p>Senate version was adopted but the "earmarked" amount was reduced to \$1.5 million in each year</p>
<p>JFSCD15</p>	<p>Adult Protective Services</p>	<p>CCAO advocated for a House- and Senate-passed amendment to the as-introduced version, which kept intact language tying a county's obligation to arrange or provide protective services to the extent of available funds. Said amendment was adopted in the final version</p>
<p>JFSCD29</p>	<p>County Prevention, Retention and Contingency Program</p>	<p>CCAO's position supporting the elimination of program changes in all three versions and the inclusion of an amendment charging ODJFS to conduct a study on the program was adopted.</p>
<p>JFSCD25</p>	<p>Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program</p>	<p>CCAO supported the Senate changes around implementation date of 7/1/16 and the House and Senate concepts of limiting population to 16-24 year olds and limited rule writing authority and/or oversight – all of which were adopted.</p>
<p>JFSCD41</p>	<p>Healthier Buckeye Councils and Grant Program</p>	<p>CCAO supported permissive authority at local level and Healthier Buckeye Grant Program which was adopted.</p>
<p>LOCCD36</p>	<p>Veterans ID cards produced by county recorders and directing funds to Technology Fund</p>	<p>CCAO supported the House version which was adopted removing the provision from the bill</p>
<p>DASCD49</p>	<p>Electronic poll book funding</p>	<p>CCAO supported the Senate version which provides a state match for 85% of the county's costs to purchase electronic pool books which was maintained</p>

SOSCD8	Special elections - remove February special and require partial pre-payment	CCAO supported the Senate version which eliminates the February special election which was maintained
EPACD25	Remove flow control authority for source-separated recyclables	The Senate provision providing for flow control authority was included in the bill – CCAO supported House version eliminating this provision.
BWCCD19	PTSD/workers' compensation coverage	CCAO supported the House version eliminating this provision which was adopted
DEVCD45	Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program	CCAO supported the House provision for this program which was maintained in the budget bill
TAXCD40	Repeal of county reimbursement to vendors for adjusting cash registers	CCAO advocated for a House- and Senate- passed amendment to remove this mandate on counties which was adopted
LOCCD15	Repeal of county reimbursement to livestock owners for dog kills	CCAO supported the House provision for this program which was maintained in the budget bill
AGRCD11	Agricultural Society Facilities Grant Program	CCAO supported House version which was adopted
AGRCD16	Soil and Water Conservation District State Matching Fund	CCAO supported additional funding at a higher level than was provided in the budget bill
AGRCD17	Soil and Water Conservation District matching funds formula	CCAO supported the Senate version which was adopted
TAXCD79	Sales tax on hotel intermediary service	CCAO supported the Senate version which was not adopted
TAXCD64	Out of state seller liability for use tax	CCAO supported the Senate version which was adopted
JFSCD47	Children's Trust Fund - creates new structure	The Senate provision establishing the new structure was included in the bill – CCAO supported the House version eliminating this provision

LOCCD38	Housing Trust Fund fees partially retained by counties	This provision was not included in the budget bill
PWCCD11	Water and Sewer Loan Program - Connection to public sewerage systems	These provisions were removed from the bill
LOCCD44	Compensation for elected officials	CCAO supported the Senate provision which was included in the bill
LOCCD16	Sale and Lease Back Authority – enables a political subdivision and school to enter into an agreement to sell property and lease it back	CCAO supported the House provision for this program which was maintained in the budget bill
LOCCD8	Land Bank – removes the population threshold of 60,000 or more from the statute so that any county may establish a land bank	CCAO supported the House provision for this program which was included in the bill
LSCCD7	Severance Tax – CCAO supports a proposal that would increase the state rate and provide a portion of the increased revenue be returned to the impacted area	These provisions were not included in the bill. The Ohio 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission was added to review Ohio's Tax Structure by October 31, 2015.
DEVCD48 & LSCCD7	Historic Building Rehabilitation Tax Credit – CCAO supported the extension of the grant program	The grant program was extended, but it will be reviewed by the Ohio 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission. The Commission will make its report by October 31, 2015.
TAXCD14	Property tax replacement payments to local taxing units (resumes the phase-out of business and utility tangible personal property (TPP))	CCAO requested that this provision be removed from the budget bill. Unfortunately, it remained intact.

CCAO urges gubernatorial veto of budget amendments to eliminate public utility property taxes on electric generation equipment and burdensome requirements related to recovery housing providers

In cooperation with associations representing school officials and other local government officials, CCAO participated in a joint letter to the governor requesting a veto of an amendment to the state budget that would eliminate public utility tangible personal property taxes on

generation equipment and replace such revenues by an additional tax on transmission and distribution property.

In addition to the PUTPP tax issue on generation property, CCAO sent a separate letter to the governor seeking a veto on an amendment that would require recovery housing providers receiving grant funding to conduct a public hearing and obtain a resolution of support from the board of commissioners in order to draw down state funds.

TAXCD96	Repeal of tax on electric company generation property	Remained in the bill – Joint letter asking for veto
MHACD23	Hearing & Resolution Process for Recovery Housing	Remained in the bill – CCAO letter asking for veto

CCAO will provide additional information on these issues once the governor signs Am. Sub. HB 64, the biennial appropriations bill.