



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 47

129th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Director of Job and Family Services to complete an annual report containing specific information about certain employers and their employees who are public assistance recipients.
- Requires the Director to provide the annual report to the General Assembly, Director of Development, Director of Budget and Management, and the Tax Credit Authority.
- Requires the Director of Development, Controlling Board, and Tax Credit Authority to consider the annual report when determining whether to grant an employer, or approve for an employer, a contract, award, subsidy, or incentive.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Annual reports regarding public assistance recipients

The bill requires the Director of Job and Family Services to complete an annual report that contains the following information about employers and their employees who are public assistance recipients:

(1) The names of the 50 employers that had the most employees in Ohio who, during the previous year, were either (a) recipients of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicaid, Ohio Works First (a cash assistance program), or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly referred to in statute as the Food Stamp Program), or (b) individuals included in eligibility determinations for these four public assistance programs.

(2) The number of employees per employer who, during the previous year, met the public assistance criteria specified in (1), above.

(3) The per-employer total cost to Ohio of providing CHIP, Medicaid, Ohio Works First, or SNAP benefits, during the previous year, to such employees.

The Director must then provide copies of the report to each member of the General Assembly, the Director of Development, the Director of Budget and Management (or the Director's designee), and each member of the Tax Credit Authority.<sup>1</sup>

### **Annual report consideration**

The bill requires the Director of Development, members of the Controlling Board, and members of the Tax Credit Authority to consider the information included in the most recent annual report when determining whether to grant an employer a contract, award, subsidy, or incentive or to approve such a contract, award, subsidy, or incentive. They are to notify the Director of Job and Family Services of the impact the annual reports have on decisions regarding contracts, awards, subsidies, and incentives.<sup>2</sup>

### **Annual report as a public record**

The bill expressly makes the annual reports public records under Ohio's Public Records Law. However, the reports are prohibited from including any identifying information regarding the employees who are the subject of the report.<sup>3</sup>

### **Availability on web site**

The bill requires the Director of Job and Family Services to make the annual reports available on a searchable internet web site beginning not later than one year after the bill's effective date. The internet web site must include information provided by the Director of Development, Controlling Board, and Tax Credit Authority regarding the impact the annual reports have on decisions regarding contracts, awards, subsidies, and incentives.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5101.87(B) and (D).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5101.87(E).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5101.87(C).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 5101.87(F).

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## HISTORY

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