

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

• Prioritizes the distribution of public funds, including funds received from the federal government, that are used for family planning services.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Prioritized distribution

The bill requires that all funds distributed for family planning services by the Department of Health and Department of Job and Family Services are to be awarded first to eligible public entities that provide family planning services, including community health clinics and similar health facilities operated by state, county, or local government entities. Then, to the extent funds are available after all eligible public entities have been fully funded, the bill permits the funds to be awarded to nonpublic entities in the following order of descending priority:

- (1) Federally qualified health centers;
- (2) Nonpublic entities that provide comprehensive primary and preventive care services in addition to family planning services;
- (3) Nonpublic entities that provide family planning services, but do *not* provide comprehensive primary and preventive care services.

The public funds to be distributed in accordance with the bill's provisions include federal funds received under the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (Title V of the Social Security Act), the Family Planning program (Title X of the

Public Health Service Act), the Social Services Block Grant (Title XX of the Social Security Act), and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANF, Title IV-A of the Social Security Act), to the extent that TANF funds are being used by Ohio in providing Title XX social services.¹

Exemptions

The bill specifically exempts the Medicaid program as well as funds awarded as women's health services grants from the prioritized fund distribution.²

HISTORY	
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Introduced	07-13-11

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¹ R.C. 3701.027, 3701.033, 5101.101, 5101.46, and 5101.461.

² R.C. 3701.033(B) and 5101.101(B).