State Budget Update
HB 33 & HB 1
Overview

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State Budget Timeline

January 31
Governor’s Executive Budget is submitted to the General Assembly - “Blue Book” unveiled

Early-Mid February
Budget Bill introduced, OBM budget testimony in House Finance

February, March, April
House budget hearings occur, and directors testify in subcommittee hearings

April, May, June
Senate budget hearings

Mid-June
Conference Committee

July 1
Happy Fiscal New Year!
Key Committees for the Budget

- House Finance (Jay Edwards, Chair)
- Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education, Manning-Chair, Cross, B.Young, Jarrells, Blackshear
- Senate Finance (Matt Dolan, Chair)
- Senate Workforce and Higher Education, Cirino-Chair, Rulli-Vice Chair, Reineke, Reynolds, Ingram
HB 33 - What’s in the Budget?

- Public Library Fund (PLF)
- State Library & OPLIN
- Seed Sharing
- Youth Online Parental Notification
- Governor’s Imagination Library
Public Library Fund (PLF) - Commitment to Ohio’s public Libraries

- Funding at new statutory levels in FY 2024 and FY 2025
  - 1.70% (permanent law)
  - OBM PLF distribution estimates from Blue Book:
    - FY 2023: $492 million
    - FY 2024: $505 million (2.6% increase)
    - FY 2025: $530 million (5.0% increase)
State Library of Ohio & OPLIN

- State Library
  - 5% Increase in GRF funding from FY23
- Ohio Public Library Information Network (line item)
  - 5% Increase in funding from the PLF
Seed Libraries - Dept. of Agriculture (ODA)

- Exempts seed libraries from certain regulations (labeling, permitting, sales reporting)
- Requires a seed log to identify source of seeds received by the library
- Allows ODA to request access and review the seed log at anytime.
Youth Online Parental Notification

- Prohibits an online operator (such as TikTok or Twitter) from allowing a child under the age of 16 to have access unless they have parental consent.

- Provisions only apply to those online operators whose online services target children.

- Multiple ways to obtain parental consent.

- Enforcement of these provisions under the authority of the Attorney General.
Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio

• $16 million to continue the Governor’s Imagination Library ($8 million each fiscal year)
HB 1 - Tax Proposal

• 2.75% Flat Tax ($1.5 to $2 Billion Income Tax Cut), reduces the PLF by $25 to $34 Million per FY

• Eliminates the 10% Rollback on Class I Property (this includes the rollback benefit to residential property owners and the reimbursement to local governments)

• Reduces the assessment rate on Class I & II Property from 35% to 31.5%

• Includes a secondary property tax reduction factor in addition to HB 920

• Impact on HB 920??
OLC Resources and Tools

http://libraryfunding.olc.org/

- Advocacy Tools and Templates
- White Paper and Talking Points
- Statehouse Directory
- Webinar Recordings
- Testimony & News Updates
- ROI Calculator
- Fact Sheets
Message to Lawmakers and Next Steps

- Make public libraries a priority in the state budget
- Maintain PLF funding and set the permanent law language at at least 1.70% of the State’s General Revenue Fund (GRF)
- Hold public libraries harmless from any additional reductions in state funding (HB 1)
- Invite legislators into your libraries and show them the “good” and the “bad”
OLC Legislative Day at the Statehouse - Wed. April 26
Questions?

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