

Subject: RE: Budget Language

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Section 333.20 TEMPORARY AUTHORITY REGARDING EMPLOYEES 89617

(A) Until July 1, 2021, the Medicaid Director has the authority to establish, change, and abolish positions for the Department of Medicaid, and to assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote all employees of the Department of Medicaid who are not subject to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code.

(B) The authority granted under division (A) of this section includes assigning or reassigning an exempt employee, as defined in section 124.152 of the Revised Code, to a bargaining unit classification if the Medicaid Director determines that the bargaining unit classification is the proper classification for the employee. The actions of the Medicaid Director shall be consistent with the requirements of 5 C.F.R. 900.603 for those employees subject to such requirements. If an employee in the E-1 pay range is to be assigned, reassigned, classified, reclassified, transferred, reduced, or demoted to a position in lower classification under this section, the Medicaid Director, or in the case of a transfer outside the Department of Medicaid, the Director of Administrative Services, shall assign the employee to the appropriate classification and place the employee in Step X. The employee shall not receive any increase in compensation until the maximum rate of pay for that classification exceeds the employee's compensation.

(C) Actions taken by the Medicaid Director and Director of 89641 Am. Sub. H.B. No.166 Page 2924 as passed by the Senate Administrative Services pursuant to this section are not subject to appeal to the State Personnel Board of Review 89642 89643 (D). A portion of the foregoing appropriation items 651425, Medicaid Program Support - State, 651603, Medicaid and Health Transformation Technology, 651624, Medicaid Program Support - Federal, 651680, Health Care Grants - Federal 651655, Medicaid Interagency Pass - Through, 651605, Resident Protection Fund, and 651682, Health Care Grants - State, may be used for costs associated with the administration of the Medicaid program, including the assignment, reassignment, classification, reclassification, transfer, reduction, promotion, or demotion of employees authorized by this section.