



# ENACTMENT SUMMARY

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## House Bill 434 Budget Corrections

Effective November 25, 2025 and March 30, 2026

On November 25, 2025, Governor DeWine signed House Bill 434 (Rep. Willis and Rep. Lampton) into law. Originally introduced to exempt certain military-related limited-term license applicants from driver's education requirements, the bill picked up a series of amendments to correct measures enacted in House Bill 96, the state's operating budget bill. Corrections relevant to courts are outlined below. The bill passed as an emergency measure, and therefore takes effect immediately upon the governor's signature.

### Special Project Funds

HB 96 contained language prohibiting courts from utilizing special project fund money for education or training occurring outside of Ohio. HB 434 amends this to permit the use of these funds for training and education within the continental United States. *Note that for Courts of Common Pleas, this limitation on the use of funds does not go into effect until March 30, 2026; for all other courts, the change is effective immediately.*

### Court Technology Grants

HB 96 contained language that moved the Court Technology Grants from the auspices of the Supreme Court to the Attorney General. Language in HB 434 fine-tuned that language, so that the Ohio Courts Network (and its funding) remained with the Supreme Court. The balance of the HB 96 appropriation was earmarked in HB 434 for grants to be administered by the Attorney General for the "delivery of technology services to courts throughout Ohio, including the provision of hardware, software, and the development and implementation of educational and training programs for judges and court personnel."

The bill passed out of the House on October 8, 2025 by a vote of 96-0. The bill was amended and passed out of the Senate on October 29, 2025 by a vote of 31-0. The House voted on November 5, 2025 to concur in the Senate amendments by a vote of 88-3.