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Memorandum

TO: Directors, Legislative Liaisons, and Fiscal Officers of Agencies, Boards and Commissions

FROM: J. Pari Sabety, Director 

RE: Amendments Process for Main Operating Budget Bill (H.B. 119)

DATE: April 16, 2007

As you know a substitute version of H.B. 119 is expected to be accepted by House Finance by April 26th. OBM has submitted technical corrections for inclusion in the substitute bill.

The Office of Budget and Management will be coordinating all agency amendment submissions for the House substitute bill. Please provide OBM with all amendments you are discussing or would like considered. Also, note that the process should be **completed by Saturday, April 28th**, giving you only a few days for submission. Please observe the procedures as outlined below for any amendment requests.

Technical Amendment Requests

All agencies will need to review the substitute bill as soon as it is available for public review. OBM will be accepting requests for technical changes such as a correction to a drafting error or a non-substantive change to language in the bill. All amendment requests and language drafts will need to be submitted to OBM, via the web submission process, by Saturday, April 28th.

The web portal for the online language submission form will be opened as soon as the substitute bill is released. The form is located on our website at <http://www.obm.ohio.gov/budget/operating/> under *Budget Language Forms*. Please note that this timeline leaves very little time for your review and turnaround. Refer to the [Budget Language Guidance, Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009](#) for guidance on submission mechanics.

Your OBM budget analyst can assist you with any questions you may have regarding this process. We appreciate your cooperation in this process.

Substantive Amendment Requests

We will provide you with guidance regarding other amendments as the bill moves from the House to the Senate, such as:

- Language necessary to implement a Turnaround Ohio initiative,
- Modifications to a significant change made in the substitute bill that will affect agency operations, or
- Other policy related amendments.

Agencies are encouraged to begin dialogue with your OBM budget analyst regarding amendments as soon as possible.