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### OSU-520 “Canine Cooperative Act”

In House Bill OSU-520 detailing the Canine Cooperative Act, it allocates funds for the purpose of establishing a revolving fund for the Department of Public Safety to purchase and maintain approved breeds of canines for both State and local law enforcement agencies. The act appropriates for the continuous funding using fees and other revenue sources so the money can be reused rather than reverted back to the State’s general fund.

In House Bill OSU-520 it strengthens law enforcement capabilities by providing financial assistance for purchasing and training canines to aid in detecting drugs, explosives and missing persons. It also establishes a revolving fund with a 5% administrative cap ensuring that most of the funds go directly to the grants. It ensures professional standards by mandating FEMA certified facilities, so the dogs receive high quality training. It also ensures that there is equality withing the funding so that the funds are equally distributed between both large and rural communities.

However, House Bill OSU-520 needs to be periodically reviewed because the 15,000-funding cap may need to be adjusted to meet the increasing costs of both purchasing, training and caring for the canine. HB OSU-520 also does not define auditing requirements; therefore, there is limited oversight on how the funds are spent and it does not take effect until July 1, 2026, which would delay funding for a year.