



Ohio Revised Code

Section 126.21 Accounting duties of director of budget and management.

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(A) The director of budget and management shall do all of the following:

- (1) Keep all necessary accounting records;
- (2) Prescribe and maintain the accounting system of the state and establish appropriate accounting procedures and charts of accounts;
- (3) Establish procedures for the use of written, electronic, optical, or other communications media for approving and reviewing payment vouchers;
- (4) Reconcile, in the case of any variation between the amount of any appropriation and the aggregate amount of items of the appropriation, with the advice and assistance of the state agency affected by it and the legislative service commission, totals so as to correspond in the aggregate with the total appropriation. In the case of a conflict between the item and the total of which it is a part, the item shall be considered the intended appropriation.
- (5) Evaluate on an ongoing basis and, if necessary, recommend improvements to the internal controls used in state agencies;
- (6) Authorize the establishment of petty cash accounts. The director may withdraw approval for any petty cash account and require the officer in charge to return to the state treasury any unexpended balance shown by the officer's accounts to be on hand. Any officer who is issued a warrant for petty cash shall render a detailed account of the expenditures of the petty cash and shall report when requested the balance of petty cash on hand at any time.
- (7) Process orders, invoices, vouchers, claims, and payrolls and prepare financial reports and statements;



(8) Perform extensions, reviews, and compliance checks prior to or after approving a payment as the director considers necessary;

(9) Issue the official annual comprehensive financial report of the state. The report shall cover all funds of the state reporting entity and shall include basic financial statements and required supplementary information prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and other information as the director provides. All state agencies, authorities, institutions, offices, retirement systems, and other component units of the state reporting entity as determined by the director shall furnish the director whatever financial statements and other information the director requests for the report, in the form, at the times, covering the periods, and with the attestation the director prescribes. The information for state institutions of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall be submitted to the chancellor of higher education by the department of higher education. The chancellor shall establish a due date by which each such institution shall submit the information to the department, but no such date shall be later than one hundred twenty days after the end of the state fiscal year unless a later date is approved by the director.

(B) In addition to the director's duties under division (A) of this section, the director may establish and administer one or more payment card programs that permit state agencies and political subdivisions to use a payment card to purchase equipment, materials, supplies, or services in accordance with guidelines issued by the director. The chief administrative officer of a state agency or political subdivision that uses a payment card for such purposes shall ensure that purchases made with the card are made in accordance with the guidelines issued by the director. State agencies may participate in only those payment card programs that the director establishes pursuant to this section.

(C) In addition to the director's duties under divisions (A) and (B) of this section, the director may enter into any contract or agreement necessary for and incidental to the performance of the director's duties or the duties of the office of budget and management.

(D) In addition to the director's duties under divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section, the director may operate a shared services center within the office of budget and management for the purpose of consolidating common business functions and transactional processes. The services offered by the shared services center may be provided to any state agency or political subdivision. In consultation



with the director of administrative services, the director may appoint and fix the compensation of employees of the office whose primary duties include the consolidation of common business functions and transactional processes.

(E) The director may transfer cash between funds other than the general revenue fund in order to correct an erroneous payment or deposit regardless of the fiscal year during which the erroneous payment or deposit occurred.

(F) As used in divisions (B) and (D) of this section:

(1) "Political subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 2744.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 9.482 of the Revised Code.