

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

VETO MESSAGES

**STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE VETO OF ITEMS IN AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 493**

DECEMBER 13, 2016

Pursuant to Article II, Section 16 of the Ohio Constitution, which states that the Governor may disapprove any items in a bill making an appropriation of money, I hereby disapprove the following items contained in Amended Substitute House Bill 493 and set forth below the reasons for so doing. The text I am disapproving is identified in this message by reference to the corresponding page and boxed text of the bill.

ITEM NUMBER 1

On page 1, in the preamble, delete the following boxed text, beginning with “2317.56 . . .,” and “4731.22,” and beginning with “to amend, for the purpose of . . .,” and beginning with “to generally prohibit . . .,” and in Section 1, beginning with “2317.56. . .,” and “4731.22,” and beginning with “sections 2919.191 (2919.192) . . .,” and “be enacted”.

On page 13, delete the boxed text.

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On page 42, in Section 2, delete the following boxed text, beginning with “2317.56. . .” and “4731.22,”.

Prohibition of Abortion at Certain Stage of Development

As governor I have worked hard to strengthen Ohio’s protections for the sanctity of human life, and I have a deep respect for my fellow members of the pro-life community and their ongoing efforts in defense of unborn life. Certain provisions that were amended into Am. Sub. HB 493, however, are clearly contrary to the Supreme Court of the United States’ current rulings on abortion.

Similar legislation enacted in two other states has twice been declared unconstitutional by federal judges, and the Supreme Court declined to review those decisions. Because the federal courts are bound to follow the Supreme Court’s rulings on abortion, the amendment to Am. Sub. HB 493 will be struck down. The State of Ohio will be the losing party in that lawsuit and, as the losing party, the State of Ohio will be forced to pay hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars to cover the legal fees for the pro-choice activists’ lawyers. Furthermore, such a defeat invites additional challenges to Ohio’s strong legal protections for unborn life. Therefore, this veto is in the public interest.

ITEM NUMBER 2

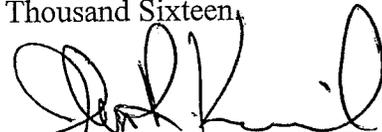
On page 1, delete the following boxed text, “and to make an appropriation.”
On page 42, delete the boxed text beginning with “Section 4. All items . . .”.
On page 43, delete the boxed text.

Appropriation for the Department of Jobs and Family Services for Adoption Services

This item appropriates an additional \$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Jobs and Family Services (“the Department”) for adoption services. While I strongly support the promotion of adoption and have worked to expand adoption supports and efforts in my Administration, the Department currently has sufficient funds in the current budget for these purposes. Accordingly, additional appropriation for adoption services is not warranted at this time. Therefore, this veto is in the public interest.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this 13th day of December, Two Thousand Sixteen.



John R. Kasich, Governor

This will acknowledge the receipt of a copy of this veto message of Amended Substitute House Bill 493 that was disapproved in part by Governor John R. Kasich on December 13, 2016.

Name and Title of Officer

Date and Time of Receipt