House proposed changes to introduced version of HB 64 – biennial appropriations:

- Provides a 6.3% across the board income tax cut beginning in TY’15. Lowers the top rate to below 5% and provides over $1.2 billion in tax relief to Ohioans over the next two years.
- Makes permanent the 75% small business tax deduction.
- Maintains the footprint of the executive K-12 funding proposal with several revisions, such as:
  - Includes an additional $179 million into the foundation formula above the executive proposal.
  - Ensures no district will receive less foundation funding in FY’16 or FY’17 than it did in FY’15.
  - Restores a 20-mill charge-off.
  - Phases in a guarantee that no district will receive less per pupil than is provided through state sources to private schools.
- Reforms the Medicaid program including:
  - Implementing cost transparency measures.
  - Requiring the Department of Medicaid to seek waivers to allow health savings accounts and work requirements.
  - Mandating a report of the clinical care and outcomes of the expansion population.
  - Returning eligibility determinations to the General Assembly.

Agriculture, Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee:

- Provides a $10 million capital appropriation to begin work on the rehabilitation of the Buckeye Lake dam and requires all contracts to include incentives for early completion.
- Increases funding to the Healthy Lake Erie program by $500,000.
- Creates a grant program for capital improvements for county and independent fairgrounds with a 2:1 state match.
- Adds local exchange providers and cable operators to the collaborative process that addresses the internet-protocol-network transition process.
- Retains independent appropriations for local development districts and provides a slight funding increase.
- Extends the sunset of Ohio enterprise zones for two years.
- Appropriates $2.5 million in FY’16 for the Midtown Redevelopment Initiative in Montgomery County.
- Exempts slag from the definition of industrial waste.
- Raises the competitive bidding threshold for a conservancy district from $25,000 to $50,000.
- Removes water quality provisions from HB 64 as they were handled in SB 1.
- Relieves county commissioners from the requirement to reimburse an owner if their animal is killed by a dog.
- Restores the Ohio-Israeli Initiative.
- Provides $500,000 to promote tourism in the Buckeye Lake region.
- Strikes provisions related to community water systems for mobile home parks.
- Clarifies that 4-H volunteers only need to be fingerprinted once by OSU cooperative extension.
Makes several changes to coal mining permits. Including requiring an applicant to provide an accurate map or plan and legal documentation to commence mining on the land.

Specifies that articles of incorporation to establish a thoroughbred and harness horseman’s health and retirement fund must provide that VLT revenue paid to the corporation must be used exclusively to establish and administer the fund and finance retirement benefits.

Maintains controlling board approval for the expenditure of funds from the volume breeder kennel control license fund.

Removes several provisions contained in HB 490 from the 130th General Assembly.

Increases the Junior Fair subsidy by $250,000.

Includes a 5% increase in funding for the OARDC, Cooperative Extension and Sea Grant programs.

 Strikes changes to violations in relation to pipeline safety requirements.

Eliminates a proposed transfer of funds from the unreclaimed land fund to the surface mining fund.

Creates studies of the effects of zebra mussels and Canadian geese on the water quality of Lake Erie.

Deletes the proposed changes to the Water Pollution Control Fund.

Allows for Sunday liquor sales at Malabar Farm State Park.

Corrects the omission in the introduced version of the bill of an earmark from Co-operative Extension for 4-H programs in Cincinnati and Cleveland.

Eliminates the proposed creation of the Department of Commerce’s Customer Service Initiative.

Authorizes municipalities and townships to create a tourism development district and levy an admission or development fee or a sales tax with county approval to support tourism promotion and development.

Appropriates $125,000 for the Indian Lake Watershed.

Excludes various clay and shale products from the definition of “solid waste” in the Solid, Infectious Waste Law and from “industrial waste” in the Water Pollution Control Act.

Strikes language related to public water asset management.

Increases 195-453, Technology Programs and Grants, to support several programs aimed at helping small to mid-sized manufacturers.

**Health and Human Services Subcommittee:**

- Supports 055-501, Rape Crisis Centers, with an additional $500,000 per year.
- Provides an additional $2.75 million to 600-540, Food Banks.
- Continues to provide TANF funding for Ohio Boys and Girls clubs.
- Raises 600-523, Family and Children's Services by $300,000 per year and earmarks the money for children's crisis centers.
- Removes changes related to independent providers.
- Expands the drug addiction treatment program to an additional 15 counties and provides an additional $4.5 million per year for this purpose.
- Creates the Health Food Financing Initiative to support access to healthy food in underserved areas. Appropriates $1.5 million in FY’16 and $2 million in FY’17.
Adopts the agreement between the administration and providers reached to replace the administration proposed ICF/MR changes.

Repeals current law that requires hospitals to offer uterine cytological examinations to every female inpatient over 18.

Creates a procedure that when a Governor proposes to close a developmental center that a commission is created to review the issue.

Requires local health departments to produce black and white copies of birth certificates at cost.

Corrects an error in the putative father registry created by SB 250 in the 130th GA. Changes an inadvertent may to shall.

Compels pharmacy benefit managers to update maximum allowable cost pricing for pharmacies and health plan sponsors every 7 days.

Moves the Commission on Service and Volunteerism into the Governor’s Office of Faith Based Initiatives.

Grants the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (JMOC) the ability to roll over unspent balances from one year to the next.

Assures that all Holocaust survivors eligible for PASSPORT get in-home services and that institutionalization is a last resort.

Reverts to current law in regards to how money is distributed at the county level for Adult Protective Services.

Invests $20.7 million in FY’16 and $41.6 million in FY’17 to increase physician primary care codes from current levels.

Provides an exception to having an Ohio Medical license and provides civil immunity to certain medical professionals who volunteer at therapeutic camps.

Codifies an administrative rule when a tele-prescription can occur.

Permits a medical transportation provider to submit a claim to Medicaid before first being denied by Medicare if Medicaid is responsible for payment.

Replaces the requirement of a surplus line affidavit with a signed, non-notarized statement.

Deletes the creation of the Health Planning and Hospital Benefit Advisory Workgroup.

Maintains TANF funding of the Ohio Pregnancy and Parenting support program.

Exempts private, nonprofit therapeutic wilderness camps by JFS if they meet certain standards.

Restores the nursing facility formula to statute.

Revises a proposed change in the reimbursement provided to SNFs for low acuity patients. A SNF receives the lower reimbursement only if it chooses not to work with an ombudsman to assure proper placement.

Uses RUG IV48 instead of RUG IV 66 to calculate the nursing facility reimbursement.

Replaces the NF quality proposals of the number of hours patients receive direct care per day, and the percentage of residents who receive care from more than 12 staff in a 20 day period with employee retention standards and the use of Preferences for Everyday Living Inventory.

Mimics the current NF quality disbursement to recycle unspent funds to the highest rated facilities.

Directs JMOC to study certain ODH appropriation lines.

Raises the hospital franchise fee to 4.0%.

Strikes elimination of reports to the GA on the Physician and Dental Loan Repayment programs.
• Specifies that it is the GA's intent for individuals served by workshops to 1) be informed of options 2) continue to receive services in a variety of settings if those settings offer community integration.
• Removes proposed changes to the scope of practice of unlicensed assistants.
• Maintains the current populations covered by managed care.
• Provides support to maintain current county waiver levels for the developmentally disabled.
• Retains current law in relation to Medicaid payments directed by a Department of Medicaid rule for services provided by physician groups that meet certain criteria.
• earmarks $500,000 from 336-504, Community Innovations, to improve county access to anti-opiate drugs.
• Makes several changes to the licensing of wholesale and terminal distributors of dangerous drugs.
• Re-establishes a state prohibition of insurers using genetic tests for decisions regarding applications, benefits, rates or premiums. These acts are currently prohibited by the ACA.
• Earmarks $500,000 per year from 322-420, Screening and Early Intervention, for the Childhood League.
• Creates a Medicaid in Jails Pilot Project for Jackson and Montgomery counties where patients are enrolled in Medicaid 30 days before release to ease re-entry.
• Requires the Board of Pharmacy to provide certain information from OARRS to the pharmacy director of an MCO.
• Increases Medicaid dental reimbursement rates for Appalachian counties to improve access.
• Permits an Assisted Living program client to choose the option of having double-occupancy rooms.
• Dictates that PASSPORT covers consultation/assessment services provided by an RN at the same rate as the Home Care Waiver Program.
• Provides a 10% rate increase for agency nurses who work in Home and Community Based waiver programs.
• Strikes proposed language giving unlicensed assistants new authorities.
• Buttresses the work requirements for the TANF and SNAP programs.
• Prohibits managed care companies from requiring prior authorization in the Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program.
• Deletes the Mental Health continuum of care language.
• Eliminates the Department of Medicaid’s ability to transfer unspent money from one fiscal year to the next.
• Reduces the Medicaid Reserve Fund by $150 million, providing a balance of over $180 million.
• Maintains statutory control of changes to the assessment of franchise fee schedules.
• Bolsters 336-425, Specialized Docket Support, with an additional $5 million per year to expand specialized dockets.
• Expands and strengthens the Ohio Healthier Buckeye Program.
• Removes changes that create the Comprehensive Case Management program. Specifies that it is the intent of the GA to move in this direction.
• OBM - Clarifies that a county Adult Protective Services Agency may contract with a private entity to perform specified duties.
• OBM - Removes federally impermissible language allowing the use of Jobs for Veterans Act incentive grants for operating expenses.
• OBM – Makes several technical, corrective and grammatical changes to the Mental Health portions of the bill.

Higher Education Subcommittee:

• Prohibits a state institution of higher education from charging an overload fee for taking more than a certain number of credit hours except under certain circumstances.
• Returns to supporting the Co-op & Internship program with GRF funding. Maintains levels of the programs currently funded. Adds funding for the Wright State Policy Institute and Workforce Immersion Program and the STEM Public-Private Partnership Program.
• Removes a provision that a veteran or dependent must enroll w/in 3 years of discharge to receive in-state tuition.
• Increase funding for the Ohio College Opportunity Grant by $5 million per year.
• Works to implement a strategic plan to focus university strengths to support future missions for Wright Patterson Air Force Base and the NASA Glenn Research Center. Appropriates $10 million in FY’16 and $15 million in FY’17.
• Requires that the recommendations of the Taskforce on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education come before the General Assembly before any action is taken.
• Exempts tuition cohort programs from any tuition caps or reductions apart from those permanently in the Ohio Revised Code.
• Moves the Ohioana Library to the Ohio History Connection.
• Provides funding for the Global Engineering Management Program at Wright State University.
• Directs the Departments of Administrative Services and Transportation establish a veteran-friendly business procurement program.
• Allow students at private universities to participate in the Student Debt Reduction Program.
• Authorizes $120,000 per year for the Northeast Ohio Medical University for campus safety and mental health outreach.
• Eliminates a proposal to allow the Director of Higher Education to set entry standards for teacher education programs.
• Supports the Ohio University Leadership Project with $75,000 per year.
• Directs The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) to obtain and upgrade infrastructure and equipment necessary to offer distance education courses in agricultural science through the College Credit Plus program and provides $750,000 for that purpose.
• Clarifies that the Auditor of State’s statutory auditing responsibilities do not include public records law.
• Reduces the Student Debt Loan Repayment Program to $15 million per year and uses the balance to support the Workforce Grant Program related to House Bill 1 of the 131st GA.
• Obliges the Director of Higher Education to consult with non-profit institutions of higher education in developing implementation strategies to embed work experience into curriculum.
• Increases funding to the Ohio History Connection by $2 million in FY’16 and $1.7 million in FY’17. Earmarks $250,000 per year for each the Cincinnati Museum Center and the Western Reserve Historical Society.
• Compels colleges to establish a policy to grant credit for International Baccalaureate program completion.
• Allows universities to raise tuition by $200 and community colleges by $100 over the biennium instead of 2% in FY’16 and 0% in FY’17.
• Authorizes an additional $1.25 million per year for the Ohio Arts Council program subsidies.
• Considers faculty members of state institutions of higher education involved in specified policy decisions supervisors or management level employees.
• Establishes 235-668, Defense/Aerospace Workforce Development Initiative and appropriates $10 million per year to strengthen Ohio’s aviation industry.
• Maintains the Director of Higher Education’s annual report on advanced standing programs.
• Supplements the Higher Education Innovation Grants with directive language.
• Raises funding to the Hayes Presidential Center to $500,000 per year.
• Requires all colleges participating in the College Credit Plus Program to offer an associate degree pathway.
• Makes several changes to the language regarding competency based pilot projects, including allowing voluntary participation and extending the deadline to submit plans to July 1, 2016.
• Increases 235-468, Appalachian New Economy Partnership to $1.5 million per year.
• Provides $2 million in FY’16 for the University of Akron’s National Center of Education Research on Corrosion and Materials Performance.
• OBM - Clarifies it is the Director of OBM who is responsible for various year-end transfers related to scholarship programs.
• OBM - Adds boilerplate language inadvertently omitted from the introduced version of HB 64 to earmark funds for OARNet.
• OBM - Corrective amendment to add the correct amount for STEM 7 education from $21,206 to $23,905.

Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee:
• Removes duplicative language that appears in HB 74 and SB3.
• Creates a joint task force on school transportation.
• Exempts gifted assessments from the 2% testing limitation.
• Eliminates authority of the Superintendent of ODE to make transfers from Lottery Profits and reallocations within ODE to fund 200-437, Student Assessments.
• Allows a joint vocational school district board composed of an even number of members to provide in its plan one additional board member, appointed on a rotating basis by an appointing board for a term of one year.
• Extends safe harbor provisions for two years.
• Closes a loophole that allows a community school to flip a school building.
• Permits students entering high school next year to take a career-based math class instead of Algebra II as a graduation requirement if they are on the career-tech track.
- Makes ESCs eligible to lead consortia applications for the community connectors grant program.
- Removes the ability of a high-performing district to opt out of an ESC contract.
- Prohibits any requirement for a nonpublic secondary school to participate in College Credit Plus.
- Maintains three annual student counts, but clarifies that the June count carries over into the next year.
- Specifies that a private secondary school located in a district within 5 miles of Cleveland located in a municipality with a population greater than 15,000 is eligible for the Cleveland Scholarship program.
- Appropriates $500,000 per year for SPARK - Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids.
- Doubles the College Credit Plus earmark with 200-550, Foundation Funding.
- Allows ESCs to lead consortia of districts related to competency-based education pilots.
- Adds media content through a computer to the definition of instructional material in regards to the Auxiliary Services line item. Also increases the cap on the cost of a mobile app to $20 and allows for equipment used for distance learning for a student physically unable to attend school.
- Prevents the boundaries of win-win agreements from being changed without both parties agreeing.
- Authorizes e-schools to receive facilities funding at $20 per pupil.
- Provides $2 million per year for the New Leaders for Ohio Schools Pilot Project.
- Prohibits GRF funds from being used to purchase an assessment developed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers and reduces 200-437, Student Assessment by $33,575,000 per year.
- Excludes community school employees from membership in STRS or SERS if they elect to organize under federal collective bargaining laws.
- Creates the Ohio Career Counseling Pilot Program to connect high school students with business and community leaders to explore career options.
- Prohibits the State Board of Education from requiring any fee to be paid for a license certificate of permit issued for the purpose of teaching in a Junior ROTC program.
- Allows CTE instructors entering education through an alternative resident education program to be permitted to postpone entry into the Resident Educator Summative Assessment until the 3rd year of teaching.
- Maintains funding for the earmark for the College Prep Academy through the Cuyahoga Co. Public Library.
- Appropriates $200,000 for a new line 200-649, Middle School STEM Initiatives Pilot Program.
- Supports ESCs with additional funding in FY’17 that demonstrate they have coordinated or consolidated services or purchases for member districts.
- Moves administration of literacy improvement activities from ODE to a consortium of ESCs.
- Revises eligibility to take the GED test. A student between ages of 16 - 19 must apply to ODE. If under 18 must have parental approval. ODE must approve or deny all applications for graduation rates and ODE must include someone who takes the GED as a dropout.
- Increases 200-545, Career Technical Education Enhancements, by $125,000 for the Ohio ProStart school restaurant program.
- Changes the deadline for the reading skills assessment of the 3rd grade reading guarantee to Nov. 1 for kindergarteners.
• Moves competency based education to uncodified law.
• Maintains current reporting of extracurricular activities.
• Clarifies that competency-based education shall include credit by examination.
• Preserves the requirement that the Governor sign off on new lottery games.
• Sustains a report on expenditures of the School Facilities Commission to the GA.
• Adds the Finance Committees to the recipients of a report from ODE regarding budgetary earmarks.
• Clarifies that the State Board of Education must adopt rules for the implementation of the 14-15 report card before it is released.
• Provides $2 million in FY’16 for the Ohio-West Virginia Youth Leadership Association.
• Moves administration of literacy improvement activities from ODE to a consortium of ESCs.
• Delays for a year the deadline for districts to implement competency based education for grades 7 and 8.
• Decreases Straight A Fund earmark of AP and college credit plus from $5M to $2.5M and earmarks $1.25M per year for the Advanced Placement Teacher and Student Initiative.
• Eliminates the requirement that LSC maintain an electronic database of school revenues and expenditures.

Transportation Subcommittee:

• Increases state funding for indigent defense by $12 million per year.
• Provides $750,000 for the Ohio Legal Aid Fund to provide representation to economically disadvantaged veterans.
• Specifies a term in a halfway house is not imprisonment when imposed as community control/post-release control sanction, but is as part of transitional control.
• Permits the MARCS steering committee to establish a subcommittee to represent local governments.
• Increases 900-408, Department of Veterans Services, by $45,375 per year. Earmarks $25,000 for the Resurrecting Lives Foundation 2015 employment initiative and 20,375 for its community TBI Education Program.
• Allows a judge to put a medically incapacitated prisoner on community control, requires revocation if health improves or if the offender violates sanctions.
• Removes the requirement for a front license plate for an historical vehicle.
• Authorizes a county to contract with a private company to manage a county jail facility.
• Eliminates the proposed judicial pay increase.
• Requires the Department of Transportation to construct a new noise wall in Beachwood.
• Requires the Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Board to create an expedited certification program for veterans who received training as a paramedic.
• Makes a technical correction to the law governing the division of marital property.
• Recreates the Maritime Port Funding Study Council.
• Terminates the EMA Safe Room Rebate Program.
• Compels the statewide emergency services internet protocol network steering committee to update the operational standards for public safety answering points to contain policies ensuring PSAPs prioritize life-saving questions and get proper training.

• Permits the transfer to a surviving spouse of one watercraft trailer of the decedent associated with the transfer of a watercraft or outboard motor.

• Limits the ability of employees of community-based correctional and district community-based correctional facilities subject to collective bargaining on June 1, 2005 only if the public employer chooses to do so.

• Makes several changes to towing requirements, including moving placement of company information from the door to the side and one year limit on violations that count toward three strikes.

• Provides $70,000 per year for the Ohio WWI centennial working group.

• Directs the BMV to study the cost and feasibility of establishing a limited driving privilege license.

• Clarifies the ability of a will’s executor to be paid a commission. The statute allows for reimbursement based on the Ohio estate tax which has been eliminated.

Ways and Means Committee:

• Creates the Ohio 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission.

• Removes all of the proposed tax changes, except for the means testing of retirement income credits, which remains in the bill.

• Eliminates the political contribution tax credit.

• Strikes proposed changes to cigarette minimum pricing.

• Places time limits on verification required by the Tax Commissioner to receive a refund and also to evaluate tax fraud measures and issue a report to the GA.

• Requires the Tax Credit Authority, upon request of a taxpayer, to edit the JRTC and JCTC agreement to account for decreases in the state income tax rate.

• Allows municipalities that use OAGI as the base of their income tax to change their base to mirror state income tax changes and to request an Ohio 1040 form as well as a federal 1040.

• Permits the township trustees in a township of over 15,000 to extend a TIF in place before 1995 for an additional 15 years.

• Specifies that taxpayers suing regarding actions or omissions on municipal income tax can sue the municipal corporation, but not the tax administrator.

• Allows counties between 175,000 and 225,000 that have an amusement park with more than 2 million annual visitors to levy a 1% bed tax for a sports complex.

• Authorizes a county or independent agricultural society hosting an annual harness horse race with at least 40,000 per day attendees to levy, with voter approval, a lodging tax for up to 5 years and to issue bonds to pay for permanent improvements.

• Permits commissioners in a county of between 375,000 and 390,000 to create a regional arts and culture district and to levy a cigarette and alcoholic beverage tax, with voter approval, in support of such a district.

• Exempts a local taxing authority from the TPP phase-out if it has a nuclear power plant.
- Revises the amount of time from 3 years to 5 years that unproductive farmland to continue to be taxed at CAUV level if it is used to store dredged material.
- Corrects several provisions for House Bill 5 from the 130th GA, including: Makes consistent with federal, state and current municipal law the due date for entities with a fiscal year end other than a calendar year end, specifies that related to entities that do not file for a federal extension yet still need an municipal return extension, and requires municipal corporations to publish a summary of the taxpayers rights and responsibilities online.
- Reduces the tax rate on all new water-works property in 2015 or after to 25%. Current property will continue to be taxed at the higher rate.
- Eliminates county and transit authorities’ requirements to reimburse vendors for the expense of adjusting cash registers when they change their sales tax rate.
- Clarifies that KWH tax revenue continues to be payable to the municipal corporation whose end users are receiving the electricity distributed.
- Earmarks 2% of beer excise tax revenue, up to $1 million per year, for grants through the existing Major Sporting Events Initiative.
- Increases 777-471, Airport Improvements, by $5.25 M per year for loans and grants to airports. Requires ODOT to work to draft legislation that moves aviation fuel from the sales tax to the gas tax by June 30, 2017.

**Miscellaneous:**

- Increases the Public Library Fund distribution to 1.70% of total state tax revenue.
- Creates the Ohio Expenditure Committee to review all state expenditures and to identify areas for savings, efficiencies and short and long term improvement.
- Removes county population threshold of 60,000 to create a county land reutilization corporation.
- Grants counties the permission to enter into sale/leaseback agreements.
- Provides $500,000 per year to restore the Garfield Memorial.
- Appropriates $500,000 in FY’16 for the Murphy Theater.
- Authorizes township trustees to purchase real or personal property at an auction through a designee by resolution.
- Changes the name of the Division of Domestic Relations of the Stark County Court of Common Pleas to the Family Court Division.
- Approves a township to contract with the state or political subdivision for the purchase of sale of a motor vehicle.
- Permits township trustees to adopt a resolution to make payments by credit card.
- Extends the limit for which a subdivision may levy a property tax for the purpose of operating a cemetery for a set period of years or a continuing period of time
- Lowers the municipal population threshold for a D-5j liquor permit from to 7,000 people.
- Allows the holder of a C-1 and C-2 or a C-2x liquor permit that is a retail store in a municipality or township of 15,000 or less to obtain a D-8 permit to provide samples of beer, wine or mixed drinks for on premise consumption.
- Moves a capital appropriation from HB 497 from Earl Thomas Conley Campground to ETC Waterpark.
• Requires any subdivision that has red light cameras to file a report with the Auditor of State which would account for total fines collected.
• Eliminates the requirement that the Governor has to send 5 copies of a special message or State of the State notice to all legislative offices, also reduces the number to the Governor and state library instead it shall be distributed electronically.
• Requires the ORSC to establish for each state retirement system a custodial bank selection committee of the Council's Director, the Treasurer of State and the ED of the system. Requires the committee, instead of the Treasurer to select the financial institutions to serve as the depository of the system.
• Expands the range of investments available to a county hospital in a charter county.
• Alternates the Chairmanship of the Capital Square Review and Advisory Board every other year between the House and the Senate.
• Limits Controlling Board authority to increase appropriations to 10% or $10 million, whichever is less, and to establish an appropriation to $10 million.
• Requires the Director of Budget and Management to transfer $1 million to the Department of Administrative Services in July 2015.
• Prohibits a state agency from requiring a contractor to enter into a project labor agreement and prohibits discrimination toward a contractor for entering into or declining to enter into a project labor agreement.
• Revises the distribution of the proposed FY'15 ending fund balance including adding $100 million for the Straight A Fund, and reducing the Student Debt Relief Fund by $60 million, the Development Disability Transformation money by $16 million and the transfer for tax cuts by $24 million.
• Creates a process where the Department of Commerce would attempt to transfer unclaimed Treasury Bonds owed to Ohioans that are held by the Federal government to the state to more actively seek their owners.
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• LSC Technical.

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