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A BILL

To amend section 5705.06 and to enact section 1
749.40 of the Revised Code to expressly 2
authorize municipal corporations to impose an 3
unvoted property tax levy not exceeding one mill 4
per dollar of taxable value for the purpose of 5
funding a local Hope for a Smile Program. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5705.06 be amended and section 7
749.40 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 749.40. (A) The legislative authority of a municipal 9
corporation may annually levy and collect a tax under division 10
(H) of section 5705.06 of the Revised Code for the purpose of 11
establishing and operating a hope for a smile program. The rate 12
of the tax shall not exceed one mill on each dollar of taxable 13
value. All revenue received from the tax shall be credited to a 14
hope for a smile program fund established by the municipal 15
corporation and shall be used solely for the purposes described 16
by this section. Any interest earned on money in the hope for a 17
smile program fund shall be credited to the fund. 18

(B) The primary objective of the hope for a smile program 19

shall be to improve the oral health of school-age children. 20
Services provided under the program shall be targeted at school- 21
age children who are indigent and uninsured, although other 22
children may be served. 23

(C) A municipal corporation levying a tax under division 24
(H) of section 5705.06 of the Revised Code may collaborate with 25
one or more of the following in administering the hope for a 26
smile program: 27

(1) The Ohio dental association; 28

(2) The Ohio dental hygienists' association; 29

(3) The Ohio state university college of dentistry and the 30
dental hygiene program at that college; 31

(4) Case western reserve university school of dental 32
medicine; 33

(5) Shawnee state university; 34

(6) James A. Rhodes state college; 35

(7) Columbus state community college; 36

(8) Cuyahoga community college, metropolitan campus; 37

(9) Youngstown state university; 38

(10) Lorain county community college; 39

(11) Lakeland community college; 40

(12) University of Cincinnati; 41

(13) Sinclair community college; 42

(14) Owens community college; 43

(15) Stark state college. 44

(D) Money in the hope for a smile program fund may be used 45
to purchase or secure the use of, maintain, and operate one or 46
more buses equipped as mobile dental units and staffed by 47
dentists, dental hygienists, or the faculty or staff of the 48
dentistry and dental hygiene educational programs of this state. 49
The faculty or staff of the educational programs may permit 50
students enrolled in the programs to participate in staffing the 51
bus or buses. 52

The individuals staffing each bus shall travel to schools 53
located in the municipal corporation. In scheduling visits to 54
those schools, priority shall be given to schools that are 55
attended by high numbers of children who are in the program's 56
targeted population. During each visit, the individuals who 57
provide services to the children shall provide the services in 58
accordance with their authority to practice under Chapter 4715. 59
of the Revised Code. 60

(E) A municipal corporation that has established and 61
operates a hope for a smile program satisfying divisions (A) to 62
(D) of this section may do any of the following: 63

(1) Apply on the program's behalf to the department of 64
medicaid for a medicaid provider agreement. 65

(2) Arrange with private entities that provide health care 66
insurance or other forms of health care coverage in this state 67
for reimbursement from them for services provided to children 68
who have health care insurance or coverage through those 69
entities. The director of health shall assist the municipal 70
corporation in complying with this division upon the municipal 71
corporation's request. 72

(3) Seek payments from the medicaid program for services 73

provided to children who are medicaid recipients. 74

(4) Seek reimbursement from private entities that provide 75
health care insurance or other forms of health care coverage for 76
services provided to children who have insurance or coverage 77
through those. 78

(5) Apply for money allocated by the United States 79
department of labor or other entities for workforce or economic 80
development initiatives. 81

Any amounts received from a source described in this 82
division shall be credited to the hope for a smile program fund 83
created under division (A) of this section. 84

(F) Not later than the first day of July each year, a 85
municipal corporation levying a tax under division (H) of 86
section 5705.06 of the Revised Code shall prepare a report on 87
progress the program has made in achieving the objective 88
expressed in division (B) of this section, saving money for the 89
medicaid program and other safety net programs, and promoting 90
workforce and economic development in this state. The municipal 91
corporation shall submit each report to the governor and to the 92
general assembly. 93

Sec. 5705.06. The following special levies are hereby 94
authorized without vote of the people: 95

(A) A levy for any specific permanent improvement which 96
the subdivision is authorized by law to acquire, construct, or 97
improve, or any class of such improvements which could be 98
included in a single bond issue; 99

(B) A levy for the library purposes of the subdivision, in 100
accordance with the provisions of the Revised Code authorizing 101
levies for such purposes, but only to the extent so authorized; 102

(C) In the case of a municipal corporation, a levy for a 103
municipal university under section 3349.13 of the Revised Code, 104
but only to the extent authorized; 105

(D) In the case of a county, a levy for the construction, 106
reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of roads and bridges, 107
other than state roads and bridges; 108

(E) In the case of a county, a levy for paying the 109
county's proportion of the cost of the construction, 110
improvement, and maintenance of state highways; 111

(F) In the case of a township, a levy for the 112
construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of roads 113
and bridges, excluding state roads and bridges, including the 114
township's portion of the cost of the construction, improvement, 115
maintenance, and repair of county roads and bridges; 116

(G) The levies prescribed by division (B) of sections 117
742.33 and 742.34 of the Revised Code; 118

(H) In the case of a municipal corporation, a levy for the 119
purposes of establishing and operating a hope for a smile 120
program under section 749.40 of the Revised Code. 121

Each such special levy shall be within the ten-mill 122
limitation and shall be subject to the control of the county 123
budget commission, as provided by sections 5705.01 to 5705.47 of 124
the Revised Code. 125

Except for the special levies authorized in divisions (A), 126
(B), (C), (D), (E), and (G) of this section, any authority 127
granted by the Revised Code to levy a special tax within the 128
ten-mill limitation for a current expense shall be construed as 129
authority to provide for such expense by the general levy for 130
current expenses. 131

Section 2. That existing section 5705.06 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 132
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