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R-132-0361

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The Honorable Michael P. Duffey
Ohio House of Representatives
Statehouse
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Duffey:

You asked LSC for a presentation on the history of workforce development in Ohio, specifically focusing on changes made to workforce development from 2011 to the present, as well as Governor Kasich's workforce development proposals included in the main operating budget bill, H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly, As Introduced. For purposes of the presentation, we focused on job training and recruitment as integral aspects of workforce development, as well as programs that are designed to move people back into the workforce. The presentation does not address tax credit programs or certain programs designed for targeted populations. Additionally, you had asked for a list and summary of bills that have been introduced since 2011 that affect workforce development in Ohio.

Please find attached our presentation materials, *Ohio's Workforce Development Programs*. The presentation provides a definition and framework for understanding workforce development in Ohio. We include a brief discussion of federal workforce development laws and Ohio's history implementing these federal laws, sources of funding, descriptions of programs administered by various state agencies, and a discussion of bills addressing various aspects of workforce development that are currently pending in the 132nd General Assembly.

Additionally, the attached research memorandum, R-132-0361, summarizes legislation introduced in the General Assembly since 2011 that affects workforce development in Ohio. Forty-two bills have been introduced since January 2011 that appear to make changes to workforce development laws in Ohio. Seventeen of these bills were enacted into law; three bills are currently pending in the 132nd General Assembly.

We trust that you will find this information useful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
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Attachments: *Ohio's Workforce Development Programs*
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