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A BILL

To amend sections 3313.6113 and 3333.94 and to 1
enact section 6301.22 of the Revised Code to 2
permit the Governor's Office of Workforce 3
Transformation to develop industry-recognized 4
credentials and certificate programs. 5

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

Section 1. That sections 3313.6113 and 3333.94 be amended 6
and section 6301.22 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 7
follows: 8

Sec. 3313.6113. (A) The superintendent of public 9
instruction, in collaboration with the governor's office of 10
workforce transformation and representatives of business 11
organizations, shall establish a committee to develop a list of 12
industry-recognized credentials and licenses that may be used to 13
qualify for a high school diploma under division (A) (3) of 14
section 3313.618 of the Revised Code and shall be used for state 15
report card purposes under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code. 16
The state superintendent shall appoint the members of the 17
committee not later than January 1, 2018. 18

(B) The committee shall do the following: 19

(1) Establish criteria for acceptable industry-recognized credentials and licenses aligned with the in-demand jobs list published by the department of job and family services;

(2) Review the list of industry-recognized credentials and licenses that was in existence on January 1, 2018, and update the list as it considers necessary;

(3) Review any industry-recognized credentials submitted by the governor's office of workforce transformation under division (C) of section 6301.22 of the Revised Code, and update the list as the committee considers necessary;

(4) Review and update the list of industry-recognized credentials and licenses at least biennially.

Sec. 3333.94. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "In-demand job" means a job that is determined to be in demand in this state and its regions under section 6301.11 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Ohio technical center" means a center that provides adult technical education services and is recognized by the chancellor of higher education.

(3) "State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) ~~Not later than January 1, 2018, the~~ The chancellor of higher education shall create an inventory of both of the following:

(1) All credit and non-credit certificate programs and industry-recognized credentials offered at state institutions of higher education and Ohio technical centers that align with in-demand jobs in the state;

(2) As determined appropriate by the chancellor, any industry-recognized credentials or certificate programs submitted by the governor's office of workforce transformation under division (C) of section 6301.22 of the Revised Code. 48
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When awarding funds from the OhioMeansJobs workforce development revolving loan fund established under section 6301.14 of the Revised Code, the chancellor shall give preference to certificate programs that support adult learners and are included in the inventory. 52
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Sec. 6301.22. (A) An employer in this state may petition the governor's office of workforce transformation to develop an industry-recognized credential or a certificate program. The proposed credential or certificate program must be aligned with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the workforce needs of the state. 57
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(B) The governor's office of workforce transformation, in consultation with the department of education, the chancellor of higher education, and other stakeholders, may develop an industry-recognized credential or a certificate program in response to a petition received under division (A) of this section. The office may prioritize credential or certificate programs related to in-demand jobs, as determined in section 6301.11 of the Revised Code. 63
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(C) An industry-recognized credential or a certificate program developed under this division shall include any curriculum, standards, or materials determined necessary by the governor's office of workforce transformation. 71
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(D) The governor's office of workforce transformation shall submit an industry-recognized credential or certificate 75
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program developed under this section to either of the following, 77
as appropriate: 78

(1) The committee established by the superintendent of 79
public instruction under section 3313.6113 of the Revised Code; 80

(2) The chancellor, both for the purposes of section 81
3333.94 of the Revised Code and any other purpose determined 82
appropriate by the chancellor. 83

Section 2. That existing sections 3313.6113 and 3333.94 of 84
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 85