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Committee**

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Sub. H. B. No. 1

Representatives Schuring, Manning

A BILL

To amend section 6301.11 and to enact section 1
3333.92 of the Revised Code to establish the 2
Workforce Grant Program, to terminate the 3
provisions of this act on December 31, 2019, by 4
repealing section 3333.92 of the Revised Code on 5
that date, and to make an appropriation. 6

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

Section 1. That section 6301.11 be amended and section 7
3333.92 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 3333.92. (A) As used in this section: 9

(1) "Eligible student" means a student who is enrolled in 10
a public or private institution and is pursuing a qualifying 11
degree, certification, or license. 12

(2) "In-demand job" means a job that is determined to be 13
in demand in this state and its regions under section 6301.11 of 14
the Revised Code. 15

(3) "Public or private institution" means any of the 16
following: 17

(a) A state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code; 18
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(b) A private, nonprofit institution in this state holding a certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code; 20
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(c) An Ohio technical center that provides adult technical education services as recognized by the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents. 23
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(4) "Qualifying degree, certification, or license" means a degree, certification, or license that is required to qualify an individual for an in-demand job. 26
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(B) The workforce grant program is hereby established. Under the program, the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents shall award grants to eligible students. 29
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(C) (1) A grant shall be awarded to an eligible student for the period of time the student takes to complete a qualifying degree, certification, or license. On an annual basis, the maximum amount of a grant that may be awarded to an eligible student shall be five thousand dollars. The grant shall not exceed seventy-five per cent of the cost of tuition during an academic year in which the student is receiving the grant. The greatest portion of the grant shall be distributed to the student as the student is completing the academic program and seeking an in-demand job. 32
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(2) No public or private institution shall use grant moneys dispersed under the program to underwrite a tuition increase imposed on students attending the institution. 42
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(D) The chancellor shall adopt rules regarding the operations of the grant program, including all of the following: 45
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<u>(1) Application procedures;</u>	47
<u>(2) The method for selecting grant recipients that shall include both of the following:</u>	48 49
<u>(a) An assessment of an applicant's need for financial aid, including sources of income and other financial aid the applicant has been awarded;</u>	50 51 52
<u>(b) An analysis of whether the degree, certification, or license that is being pursued by an applicant is a qualifying degree, certification, or license.</u>	53 54 55
<u>(3) Milestones that must be attained by a grant recipient in order to continue to receive a grant under this section, including spending thirty to ninety days in a workplace where the degree, certification, or license that is being pursued by the grant recipient is required for employment or participating in a cooperative or internship program in a workplace where the degree, certification, or license that is being pursued by the grant recipient is required for employment;</u>	56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63
<u>(4) Other requirements that must be completed by a grant recipient, including both of the following:</u>	64 65
<u>(a) The completion of curriculum that includes skills needed by employers;</u>	66 67
<u>(b) The completion of counseling regarding the proper management of student loans and how to minimize the amount of student loan debt.</u>	68 69 70
<u>(5) The method for determining the distribution of a grant to a grant recipient, including both of the following:</u>	71 72
<u>(a) The amount of each disbursement;</u>	73

(b) The schedule for making disbursements to a grant recipient. 74
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(6) Establishing a procedure for a public or private institution to take disciplinary action against a student who fails to continue in an academic program leading to a qualifying degree, certification, or license after receiving a grant, including determining appropriate reimbursements. 76
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(E) The Ohio board of regents, in consultation with the state board of education, shall adopt rules establishing a procedure for training and outreach for school counselors to allow them to distribute information to high school students in this state regarding the jobs that are determined to be in-demand jobs and the educational requirements for employment in those jobs. 81
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(F) The Ohio board of regents shall solicit proposals to coordinate and conduct the statewide promotion of the workforce grant program through a request for proposals. The Ohio board of regents shall advertise its intent to request proposals in a newspaper of general circulation in the state once a week for two consecutive weeks before a date specified by the board as the date on which it will begin accepting proposals. The notices shall contain a general description of the subject of the proposed agreement and the location where the request for proposals may be obtained. The request for proposals shall include the following information: 88
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(1) Instructions concerning the submission of proposals; 99

(2) Information regarding communications, including how to contact persons to whom questions concerning a proposal may be directed; 100
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<u>(3) A description of the performance criteria that will be used to evaluate a proposal;</u>	103 104
<u>(4) The relative importance of each evaluation criterion;</u>	105
<u>(5) Any terms or conditions of the proposed contract.</u>	106
<u>After the date specified for receiving proposals, the Ohio board of regents shall evaluate submitted proposals. The Ohio board of regents may discuss a respondent's proposal with that respondent to clarify or revise a proposal or the terms of the agreement. After reviewing the proposals, the Ohio board of regents may enter into a written agreement with one of the respondents to administer the statewide promotion of the program.</u>	107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114
<u>(G) The chancellor shall do all of the following:</u>	115
<u>(1) Develop a system of metrics showing both of the following:</u>	116 117
<u>(a) The total number of grants awarded to eligible students;</u>	118 119
<u>(b) The number of grant recipients who became employed in an in-demand job during the twelve-month period following the completion of a qualifying degree, certification, or license.</u>	120 121 122
<u>(2) Conduct a dynamic scoring of the taxes generated from the in-demand jobs that grant recipients became employed in as described in division (G) (1) of this section;</u>	123 124 125
<u>(3) Perform a cost-benefit analysis comparing the costs of the program against both of the following:</u>	126 127
<u>(a) The dynamic scoring of taxes generated described in division (G) (2) of this section;</u>	128 129

(b) The income generated by grant recipients employed in an in-demand job as described in division (G) (1) of this section. 130
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(4) Submit a report to the governor and the general assembly describing the results of the system of metrics, scoring, and analysis required under division (G) of this section not later than December 31, 2018. 133
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Sec. 6301.11. The As used in this section, "public or private institution" has the same meaning as in section 3333.92 of the Revised Code. 137
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The state board, in connection with the department of job and family services and public or private institutions, shall develop a methodology for identifying jobs that are in demand by employers operating in this state. The methodology for identifying in-demand jobs shall include an analysis of jobs that are in demand in each region of the state. The director of job and family services shall determine the regions. 140
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The department and the public or private institutions, in consultation with the state board, shall use the methodology to create a list of such in-demand jobs and in the state and a list of such in-demand jobs in each region of the state. The department shall publish the list-lists on the web site of the department on or before December 31, 2014. The department and public or private institutions shall periodically update the list-lists to reflect evolving workforce demands in this state and its regions. 147
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Local boards, workforce development agencies, and other providers of workforce training shall use the list-lists of in-demand jobs to cultivate and prioritize workforce development 156
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activities that correspond to the employment needs of employers 159
operating in this state and in each of its regions and to assist 160
individuals in maximizing their employment opportunities. 161

Section 2. That existing section 6301.11 of the Revised 162
Code is hereby repealed. 163

Section 3. Section 3333.92 of the Revised Code is hereby 164
repealed, effective December 31, 2019. 165

Section 4. All items in this section are hereby 166
appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state 167
treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all 168
appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are 169
for fiscal year 2016 and those in the second column are for 170
fiscal year 2017. The appropriations made in this act are in 171
addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2016-FY 172
2017 biennium. 173

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General Revenue Fund 175

GRF 235581	Workforce Grants	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000	176
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TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund		\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000	177
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TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000	178
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WORKFORCE GRANTS 179

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235581, Workforce 180
Grants, up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the 181
Chancellor of the Board of Regents to coordinate a statewide 182
effort to promote workforce grant programs. 183

The remainder of appropriation item 235581, Workforce 184
Grants, shall be used by the Chancellor to distribute grant 185

awards pursuant to section 3333.92 of the Revised Code. 186

Section 5. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 187
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 188
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 189
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in 190
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 191
from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for 192
as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 193
131st General Assembly. 194

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 195
provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 131st 196
General Assembly that are generally applicable to such 197
appropriations. 198

Section 6. (A) As used in this section, "eligible student" 199
and "qualifying degree, certification, or license" have the same 200
meanings as in section 3333.92 of the Revised Code, as enacted 201
by this act. 202

(B) Notwithstanding Section 3 of this act, an eligible 203
student who is awarded a grant and will not complete a 204
qualifying degree, certification, or license before the date the 205
program is terminated will receive the remainder of the grant 206
until the student earns a qualifying degree, certification, or 207
license. 208