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**Representatives Ryan, Reineke**

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**A BILL**

To enact sections 3333.80, 3333.801, and 3333.802 1  
of the Revised Code to establish the OhioCorps 2  
Pilot Project and to make an appropriation. 3

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

**Section 1.** That sections 3333.80, 3333.801, and 3333.802 4  
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 3333.80.** (A) As used in this section and in section 6  
3333.801 of the Revised Code: 7

(1) "At-risk student" means a primary or secondary school 8  
student who is at least thirteen years of age who would have an 9  
expected family contribution of zero dollars, as determined by 10  
the chancellor of higher education, or is impacted by family 11  
opioid addiction, as defined by the chancellor. 12

(2) "College credit plus program" means the college credit 13  
plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised 14  
Code. 15

(3) "Expected family contribution" has the same meaning as 16  
in the rules adopted by the chancellor under section 3333.122 of 17  
the Revised Code. 18

(4) "Eligible state institution of higher education" includes a community college established under Chapter 3354. of the Revised Code, a state community college established under Chapter 3358. of the Revised Code, and a state university as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 19  
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(5) "JobsOhio" has the same meaning as in section 187.01 of the Revised Code. 24  
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(6) "School year" has the same meaning as in section 3313.62 of the Revised Code. 26  
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(7) "Southeast region" means southeast Ohio as determined by JobsOhio as one of the six different regions of the state. 28  
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(B) The OhioCorps pilot program is hereby created to provide at-risk students living in the southeast region with guidance to a pathway to higher education. The pilot program shall consist of mentorship programs established and administered by eligible state institutions of higher education pursuant to rules adopted under division (C) of this section and scholarships under section 3333.801 of the Revised Code. The mentorship programs shall operate in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. Scholarships shall be available only for those students who participate in a mentorship program for both school years in which it is available. 30  
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(C) Not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section, the chancellor shall adopt rules to administer the OhioCorps mentorship program. The rules shall include all of the following: 41  
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(1) The requirements for an OhioCorps mentorship program proposed to be established by an eligible state institution of higher education, which shall include all of the following: 45  
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(a) A service-learning component for students enrolled in an eligible state institution of higher education that allows them to mentor at-risk middle and high school students living in the southeast region, and to help the at-risk students' parents on any of the following topics: 48  
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(i) Preparing for college and career planning; 53

(ii) Tutoring in reading, writing, and mathematics; 54

(iii) Opioid and drug education programs. 55

The eligible state institution shall include a plan for training enrolled students to provide such mentoring, including seminars on financial literacy, opioid addiction education best practices, career guidance, and tutor skills. 56  
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An eligible state institution may include other elements of community service within service-learning beyond mentoring opportunities. 60  
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(b) A stipend to be paid to student mentors enrolled in an eligible state institution of higher education in an amount to be determined by each institution; 63  
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(c) A plan for how eligible state institutions will partner with local providers and existing programs, such as Americorps and the Ohio commission on service and volunteerism created in section 121.40 of the Revised Code, to create training, programs, and service-learning opportunities. Local partnerships under division (C)(1)(c) of this section also shall include a community service training program to be offered by local partners for at-risk students in the southeast region for purposes of scholarship eligibility under division (A)(6) of section 3333.801 of the Revised Code. 66  
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(d) Adherence to the recommended best practices adopted by 76  
the Ohio commission on service and volunteerism regarding 77  
volunteers with unsupervised access to children under section 78  
121.401 of the Revised Code. 79

An eligible state institution of higher education also may 80  
include in an OhioCorps mentorship program summer learning camps 81  
or programs at the eligible institutions that provide higher 82  
education experiences and college credit plus program 83  
opportunities offered in the summer specifically for at-risk 84  
students in the southeast region. 85

(2) An application process under which an eligible state 86  
institution of higher education may apply to establish an 87  
OhioCorps mentorship program under this section, including 88  
application deadlines; 89

(3) A method to determine the amount of funding the 90  
chancellor will award to each eligible state institution of 91  
higher education approved to establish an OhioCorps mentorship 92  
program. 93

(D) The chancellor shall submit a report to the general 94  
assembly, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, 95  
at the end of the 2020-2021 school year regarding the 96  
implementation and outcomes of the OhioCorps pilot program. 97

**Sec. 3333.801.** (A) The OhioCorps scholarship is hereby 98  
established for at-risk students who meet the requirements of 99  
this section. The chancellor of higher education shall award an 100  
OhioCorps scholarship to each at-risk student in the southeast 101  
region of the state who does all of the following: 102

(1) Fully participates in the mentorship program 103  
administered by an eligible state institution of higher 104

education under section 3333.80 of the Revised Code for as long 105  
as such program is in existence or until the student completes 106  
high school; 107

(2) Enrolls in an eligible state institution of higher 108  
education; 109

(3) Meets either of the following conditions: 110

(a) Demonstrates that the student's expected family 111  
contribution continually would equal zero dollars in each year 112  
of high school, as determined by the free application for 113  
federal student aid, an early eligibility estimating tool 114  
designed by the United States department of education, or any 115  
other equivalent tool designated by the chancellor; 116

(b) Receives a letter from a teacher or administrator 117  
employed by the school district or school in which the student 118  
is enrolled which indicates that the student is impacted by 119  
family opioid addiction. 120

(4) Achieves either of the following: 121

(a) A score that meets remediation-free standards adopted 122  
under division (F) of section 3345.061 of the Revised Code on a 123  
nationally standardized assessment that measures college and 124  
career readiness and is used for college admission; 125

(b) A high school cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or 126  
higher on a 4.0 scale. 127

(5) Completes a college preparatory curriculum in high 128  
school, as determined by the chancellor; 129

(6) Completes a community service training program offered 130  
by a local partner under division (C)(1)(c) of section 3333.80 131  
of the Revised Code, and completes at least forty hours of 132

community service for each school year the student is enrolled 133  
in high school; 134

(7) Participates in the college credit plus program, and 135  
under that program completes and receives a passing grade in at 136  
least one course each of English language arts and mathematics. 137

(B) The OhioCorps scholarship shall be a one-time award of 138  
one thousand dollars. However, the chancellor may adjust the 139  
amount of each scholarship awarded under this section based on 140  
availability of funds appropriated by the general assembly and 141  
remaining in the OhioCorps fund created in section 3333.802 of 142  
the Revised Code. 143

(C) The scholarship shall be paid to the eligible state 144  
institution of higher education in which each recipient enrolls 145  
and shall be credited by the institution to the recipient's 146  
account. 147

**Sec. 3333.802.** The OhioCorps fund is hereby created in the 148  
state treasury, to consist of such amounts designated for the 149  
purposes of the fund by the general assembly, the federal 150  
government, or other sources. The fund shall be used for the 151  
following purposes: 152

(A) To assist eligible state institutions of higher 153  
education to establish and administer an OhioCorps mentorship 154  
program under section 3333.80 of the Revised Code, including 155  
providing stipends for participating student mentors; 156

(B) Funding scholarships awarded under section 3333.801 of 157  
the Revised Code. 158

The fund may also be used by the chancellor of higher 159  
education to implement and administer the OhioCorps pilot 160  
program. 161

**Section 2.** All items in this section are hereby 162  
appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state 163  
treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all 164  
appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are 165  
for fiscal year 2018 and those in the second column are for 166  
fiscal year 2019. The appropriations made in this act are in 167  
addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2018-FY 168  
2019 biennium. 169

BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION 170

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group 171

5UK0	235594	OhioCorps Pilot	\$ 0	\$ 1,500,000	172
		Program			173

TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund	\$ 0	\$ 1,500,000	174
Group			175

TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$ 0	\$ 1,500,000	176
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OHIOCORPS PILOT PROGRAM 177

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235594, OhioCorps 178  
Pilot Program, up to \$50,000 shall be used by the Chancellor of 179  
Higher Education to implement and administer the OhioCorps Pilot 180  
Program pursuant to sections 3333.80 to 3333.802 of the Revised 181  
Code. 182

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 235594, 183  
OhioCorps Pilot Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of 184  
Higher Education to assist eligible state institutions of higher 185  
education, as defined in division (A) (4) of section 3333.80 of 186  
the Revised Code, in establishing and administering OhioCorps 187  
mentorship programs under section 3333.80 of the Revised Code. 188

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 189

Chancellor of Higher Education may certify to the Director of 190  
Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, 191  
unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item, 192  
235594, OhioCorps Pilot Program, at the end of fiscal year 2019 193  
to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified 194  
is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for 195  
fiscal year 2020 for purposes of providing funds to support 196  
mentorship programs under the OhioCorps Pilot Program. 197

**Section 3.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the 198  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 199  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 200  
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in 201  
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 202  
from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for 203  
as though made in Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General 204  
Assembly. 205

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 206  
provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly 207  
that are generally applicable to such appropriations. 208

**Section 4.** On July 1, 2018, or as soon as possible 209  
thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer 210  
\$1,500,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the OhioCorps 211  
Fund (Fund 5UK0) created in section 3333.802 of the Revised 212  
Code. 213