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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 living in the state who is at least thirteen years of 9
age who meets one of the following conditions: 10

(a) The student is eligible for a free or reduced price 11
lunch; 12

(b) The student would have an expected family contribution 13
of zero dollars, as determined by the free application for 14
federal student aid, in grade twelve; 15

(c) The student has either: 16

(i) Been impacted by family opioid addiction; or 17

(ii) Entered into recovery for opioid addiction. 18

The chancellor shall define terms in division (A) (1) (c) of 19
this section as necessary to implement this section. 20

(2) "College credit plus program" means the college credit 21
plus program established under Chapter 3365. of the Revised 22
Code. 23

(3) "Expected family contribution" has the same meaning as 24
in the rules adopted by the chancellor under section 3333.122 of 25
the Revised Code. 26

(4) "Eligible state institution of higher education" 27
includes a community college established under Chapter 3354. of 28
the Revised Code, a technical college established under Chapter 29
3357. of the Revised Code, a state community college established 30
under Chapter 3358. of the Revised Code, and a state university 31
as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 32

(5) "School year" has the same meaning as in section 33
3313.62 of the Revised Code. 34

(6) "Eligible for a free or reduced price lunch" means the 35
student is eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the 36
"National School Lunch Act," 60 Stat. 230 (1946), 42 U.S.C. 37
1751, as amended, and the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 38
Stat. 885, 42 U.S.C. 1771, as amended. 39

(B) The OhioCorps pilot program is hereby created to 40
provide at-risk students with guidance to a pathway to higher 41
education. The pilot program shall consist of mentorship 42
programs established and administered by eligible state 43

institutions of higher education pursuant to rules adopted under 44
division (C) of this section and scholarships under section 45
3333.801 of the Revised Code. The mentorship programs shall 46
operate in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. 47
Scholarships shall be available only for those students who 48
participate in a mentorship program for both school years in 49
which it is available. 50

(C) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of 51
this section, the chancellor shall adopt rules to administer the 52
OhioCorps mentorship program. The rules shall include all of the 53
following: 54

(1) The requirements for an OhioCorps mentorship program 55
proposed to be established by an eligible state institution of 56
higher education, which shall include all of the following: 57

(a) A service-learning component for students enrolled in 58
an eligible state institution of higher education that allows 59
them to mentor at-risk middle and high school students, and to 60
help the at-risk students' parents on any of the following 61
topics: 62

(i) Preparing for college and career planning; 63

(ii) Tutoring in reading, writing, and mathematics; 64

(iii) Opioid and drug education programs. 65

The eligible state institution shall include a plan for 66
training enrolled students to provide such mentoring, including 67
seminars on financial literacy, opioid addiction education best 68
practices, career guidance, and tutor skills. 69

An eligible state institution may include other elements 70
of community service within service-learning beyond mentoring 71

opportunities. 72

(b) A stipend to be paid to student mentors enrolled in an 73
eligible state institution of higher education in an amount to 74
be determined by each institution; 75

(c) A plan for how eligible state institutions will 76
partner with local providers and existing programs, such as 77
Americorps and the Ohio commission on service and volunteerism 78
created in section 121.40 of the Revised Code, to create 79
training, programs, and service-learning opportunities. Local 80
partnerships under division (C) (1) (c) of this section also shall 81
include a community service training program to be offered by 82
local partners for at-risk students for purposes of scholarship 83
eligibility under division (A) (6) of section 3333.801 of the 84
Revised Code. 85

(d) Criminal records checks and adherence to the 86
recommended best practices adopted by the Ohio commission on 87
service and volunteerism regarding volunteers with unsupervised 88
access to children under section 121.401 of the Revised Code. A 89
program shall not require an individual to comply with a 90
criminal records check or any screening procedures under 91
division (C) (1) (d) of this section if the individual has already 92
undergone a criminal records check as part of the individual's 93
current participation in an Americorps program or an existing 94
program connected to the Ohio commission on service and 95
volunteerism. 96

An eligible state institution of higher education also may 97
include in an OhioCorps mentorship program summer learning camps 98
or programs at the eligible institutions that provide higher 99
education experiences and college credit plus program 100
opportunities offered in the summer specifically for at-risk 101

students. These summer learning camps or programs may be offered 102
in any region of the state. 103

(2) An application process under which an eligible state 104
institution of higher education may apply to establish an 105
OhioCorps mentorship program under this section, including 106
application deadlines; 107

(3) A method to determine the amount of funding the 108
chancellor will award to each eligible state institution of 109
higher education approved to establish an OhioCorps mentorship 110
program. 111

(D) The chancellor shall submit a report to the general 112
assembly, in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code, 113
at the end of the 2020-2021 school year regarding the 114
implementation and outcomes of the OhioCorps pilot program. 115

Sec. 3333.801. (A) The OhioCorps scholarship is hereby 116
established for at-risk students who meet the requirements of 117
this section. The chancellor of higher education shall award an 118
OhioCorps scholarship to each at-risk student who does all of 119
the following: 120

(1) Fully participates in the mentorship program 121
administered by an eligible state institution of higher 122
education under section 3333.80 of the Revised Code for as long 123
as such program is in existence or until the student completes 124
high school; 125

(2) Enrolls in an eligible state institution of higher 126
education; 127

(3) Meets either of the following conditions: 128

(a) Demonstrates that the student's expected family 129

contribution would equal zero dollars, as determined by the free 130
application for federal student aid, in grade twelve; 131

(b) Receives a letter which indicates that the student is 132
in recovery for opioid addiction or impacted by family opioid 133
addiction. The letter shall be written by a teacher, 134
administrator, judge, case worker, police officer, healthcare 135
professional, cleric, employee of a county department of job and 136
family services who is a professional and who works with 137
children and families, or another individual from a public 138
entity approved by the chancellor. The at-risk student shall 139
submit the letter to the student's school district or school. A 140
school district or school in possession of the student's letter 141
shall consider the letter to be subject to section 3319.321 of 142
the Revised Code and shall make the letter available to the 143
chancellor at the request of the chancellor in accordance with 144
that section. 145

(4) Achieves either of the following: 146

(a) A score that meets remediation-free standards adopted 147
under division (F) of section 3345.061 of the Revised Code on a 148
nationally standardized assessment that measures college and 149
career readiness and is used for college admission; 150

(b) A high school cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or 151
higher on a 4.0 scale. 152

(5) Completes a college preparatory curriculum in high 153
school, as determined by the chancellor; 154

(6) Completes a community service training program offered 155
by a local partner under division (C)(1)(c) of section 3333.80 156
of the Revised Code, and completes at least forty hours of 157
community service for each school year the student is enrolled 158

in high school; 159

(7) Participates in the college credit plus program, and 160
under that program completes and receives a passing grade in at 161
least one course each of English language arts and mathematics. 162

(B) The OhioCorps scholarship shall be a one-time award of 163
one thousand dollars. However, the chancellor may adjust the 164
amount of each scholarship awarded under this section based on 165
availability of funds appropriated by the general assembly and 166
remaining in the OhioCorps fund created in section 3333.802 of 167
the Revised Code. 168

(C) The scholarship shall be paid to the eligible state 169
institution of higher education in which each recipient enrolls 170
and shall be credited by the institution to the recipient's 171
account. 172

Sec. 3333.802. The OhioCorps fund is hereby created in the 173
state treasury, to consist of such amounts designated for the 174
purposes of the fund by the general assembly, the federal 175
government, or other sources. The fund shall be used for the 176
following purposes: 177

(A) To assist eligible state institutions of higher 178
education to establish and administer an OhioCorps mentorship 179
program under section 3333.80 of the Revised Code, including 180
providing stipends for participating student mentors; 181

(B) Funding scholarships awarded under section 3333.801 of 182
the Revised Code. 183

The fund may also be used by the chancellor of higher 184
education to implement and administer the OhioCorps pilot 185
program. 186

Section 2. All items in this section are hereby 187
appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state 188
treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all 189
appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are 190
for fiscal year 2018 and those in the second column are for 191
fiscal year 2019. The appropriations made in this act are in 192
addition to any other appropriations made for the FY 2018-FY 193
2019 biennium. 194

BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION 195

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group 196

5UK0 235594 OhioCorps Pilot \$ 0 \$ 2,500,000 197

Program 198

TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund \$ 0 \$ 2,500,000 199

Group 200

TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$ 0 \$ 2,500,000 201

OHIOCORPS PILOT PROGRAM 202

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235594, OhioCorps 203
Pilot Program, up to \$50,000 shall be used by the Chancellor of 204
Higher Education to implement and administer the OhioCorps Pilot 205
Program pursuant to sections 3333.80 to 3333.802 of the Revised 206
Code. 207

The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 235594, 208
OhioCorps Pilot Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of 209
Higher Education to assist eligible state institutions of higher 210
education, as defined in division (A)(4) of section 3333.80 of 211
the Revised Code, in establishing and administering OhioCorps 212
mentorship programs under section 3333.80 of the Revised Code. 213

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 214
Chancellor of Higher Education may certify to the Director of 215
Budget and Management an amount up to the unexpended, 216
unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item, 217
235594, OhioCorps Pilot Program, at the end of fiscal year 2019 218
to be reappropriated to fiscal year 2020. The amount certified 219
is hereby reappropriated to the same appropriation item for 220
fiscal year 2020 for purposes of providing funds to support 221
mentorship programs under the OhioCorps Pilot Program. 222

Section 3. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 223
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 224
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 225
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in 226
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 227
from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for 228
as though made in Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General 229
Assembly. 230

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 231
provisions of Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly 232
that are generally applicable to such appropriations. 233

Section 4. On July 1, 2018, or as soon as possible 234
thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer 235
\$2,500,000 cash from the General Revenue Fund to the OhioCorps 236
Fund (Fund 5UK0) created in section 3333.802 of the Revised 237
Code. 238