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**S. B. No. 6**

**Senator Hoagland**

**Cosponsors: Senators LaRose, Obhof, Gardner**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 5501.491 of the Revised Code to 1  
extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program 2  
through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to 3  
require the Director of Transportation to submit 4  
a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of 5  
Representatives recommending ways to continue to 6  
fund the program. 7

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

**Section 1.** That section 5501.491 of the Revised Code be 8  
enacted to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 5501.491.** (A) There is hereby created the department 10  
of transportation bridge partnership program. Under the program, 11  
the department shall work with counties and local jurisdictions 12  
to, at the discretion of the director of transportation, either 13  
pay the full cost of, or match local expenditures with regard 14  
to, the rehabilitation or reconstruction of selected bridges 15  
that are located on county roads or within municipal 16  
corporations and are owned by a county or municipal corporation, 17  
as applicable. 18

The program also shall apply to embankments, drainage, and other issues related to a subject bridge. The director shall confer with the appropriate county or municipal corporation officials in determining what bridges will be part of the program. 19  
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(B) A bridge must meet all of the following criteria in order to be eligible for the program: 24  
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(1) The bridge must be not less than twenty feet in length. 26  
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(2) The bridge must be "structurally deficient" in that the bridge, while safe for use, is in need of repair. 28  
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(3) The bridge currently must be open and carrying vehicular traffic. 30  
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(C) Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, the director of transportation shall submit a report to the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives on funding the program. The report shall include recommendations for how the department can continue to fund the program through the end of fiscal year 2019 and can continue to fund the program after the end of fiscal year 2019 using the department's current and continued revenue sources. 32  
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**Section 2.** Section 5501.491 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed, effective July 1, 2019. 41  
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