A BILL

To amend sections 5747.08 and 5747.98 and to enact section 5747.77 of the Revised Code to authorize a refundable income tax credit for individuals who pay an extracurricular activity fee on behalf of a student from a low-income family.

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

Section 1. That sections 5747.08 and 5747.98 be amended and section 5747.77 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5747.08. An annual return with respect to the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code and each tax imposed under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code shall be made by every taxpayer for any taxable year for which the taxpayer is liable for the tax imposed by that section or under that chapter, unless the total credits allowed under division (E) of section 5747.05 and divisions (F) and (G) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code for the year are equal to or exceed the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, in which case no
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return shall be required unless the taxpayer is liable for a tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code.

(A) If an individual is deceased, any return or notice required of that individual under this chapter shall be made and filed by that decedent's executor, administrator, or other person charged with the property of that decedent.

(B) If an individual is unable to make a return or notice required by this chapter, the return or notice required of that individual shall be made and filed by the individual's duly authorized agent, guardian, conservator, fiduciary, or other person charged with the care of the person or property of that individual.

(C) Returns or notices required of an estate or a trust shall be made and filed by the fiduciary of the estate or trust.

(D)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(1) (b) of this section, any pass-through entity may file a single return on behalf of one or more of the entity's investors other than an investor that is a person subject to the tax imposed under section 5733.06 of the Revised Code. The single return shall set forth the name, address, and social security number or other identifying number of each of those pass-through entity investors and shall indicate the distributive share of each of those pass-through entity investor's income taxable in this state in accordance with sections 5747.20 to 5747.231 of the Revised Code. Such pass-through entity investors for whom the pass-through entity elects to file a single return are not entitled to the exemption or credit provided for by sections 5747.02 and 5747.022 of the Revised Code; shall calculate the tax before business credits at the highest rate of tax set forth in section 5747.02 of the Revised Code for the taxable year for
which the return is filed; and are entitled to only their
distributive share of the business credits as defined in
division (D)(2) of this section. A single check drawn by the
pass-through entity shall accompany the return in full payment
of the tax due, as shown on the single return, for such
investors, other than investors who are persons subject to the
tax imposed under section 5733.06 of the Revised Code.

(b)(i) A pass-through entity shall not include in such a
single return any investor that is a trust to the extent that
any direct or indirect current, future, or contingent
beneficiary of the trust is a person subject to the tax imposed
under section 5733.06 of the Revised Code.

(ii) A pass-through entity shall not include in such a
single return any investor that is itself a pass-through entity
to the extent that any direct or indirect investor in the second
pass-through entity is a person subject to the tax imposed under
section 5733.06 of the Revised Code.

(c) Nothing in division (D) of this section precludes the
tax commissioner from requiring such investors to file the
return and make the payment of taxes and related interest,
penalty, and interest penalty required by this section or
section 5747.02, 5747.09, or 5747.15 of the Revised Code.
Nothing in division (D) of this section precludes such an
investor from filing the annual return under this section,
utilizing the refundable credit equal to the investor's
proportionate share of the tax paid by the pass-through entity
on behalf of the investor under division (I) of this section,
and making the payment of taxes imposed under section 5747.02 of
the Revised Code. Nothing in division (D) of this section shall
be construed to provide to such an investor or pass-through
entity any additional deduction or credit, other than the credit
provided by division (I) of this section, solely on account of
the entity's filing a return in accordance with this section.
Such a pass-through entity also shall make the filing and
payment of estimated taxes on behalf of the pass-through entity
investors other than an investor that is a person subject to the
tax imposed under section 5733.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "business credits"
means the credits listed in section 5747.98 of the Revised Code
excluding the following credits:

(a) The retirement income credit under division (B) of
section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(b) The senior citizen credit under division (F) of
section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(c) The lump sum distribution credit under division (G) of
section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(d) The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of
the Revised Code;

(e) The lump sum retirement income credit under division
(C) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(f) The lump sum retirement income credit under division
(D) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(g) The lump sum retirement income credit under division
(E) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code;

(h) The credit for displaced workers who pay for job
training under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code;

(i) The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under
section 5747.022 of the Revised Code;

(j) The joint filing credit under division (E) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

(k) The nonresident credit under division (A) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

(l) The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

(m) The earned income tax credit under section 5747.71 of the Revised Code;

(n) The tax credit for paying an extracurricular activity fee under section 5747.77 of the Revised Code.

(3) The election provided for under division (D) of this section applies only to the taxable year for which the election is made by the pass-through entity. Unless the tax commissioner provides otherwise, this election, once made, is binding and irrevocable for the taxable year for which the election is made. Nothing in this division shall be construed to provide for any deduction or credit that would not be allowable if a nonresident pass-through entity investor were to file an annual return.

(4) If a pass-through entity makes the election provided for under division (D) of this section, the pass-through entity shall be liable for any additional taxes, interest, interest penalty, or penalties imposed by this chapter if the tax commissioner finds that the single return does not reflect the correct tax due by the pass-through entity investors covered by that return. Nothing in this division shall be construed to limit or alter the liability, if any, imposed on pass-through entity investors for unpaid or underpaid taxes, interest, interest penalty, or penalties as a result of the pass-through
entity's making the election provided for under division (D) of this section. For the purposes of division (D) of this section, "correct tax due" means the tax that would have been paid by the pass-through entity had the single return been filed in a manner reflecting the commissioner's findings. Nothing in division (D) of this section shall be construed to make or hold a pass-through entity liable for tax attributable to a pass-through entity investor's income from a source other than the pass-through entity electing to file the single return.

(E) If a husband and wife file a joint federal income tax return for a taxable year, they shall file a joint return under this section for that taxable year, and their liabilities are joint and several, but, if the federal income tax liability of either spouse is determined on a separate federal income tax return, they shall file separate returns under this section.

If either spouse is not required to file a federal income tax return and either or both are required to file a return pursuant to this chapter, they may elect to file separate or joint returns, and, pursuant to that election, their liabilities are separate or joint and several. If a husband and wife file separate returns pursuant to this chapter, each must claim the taxpayer's own exemption, but not both, as authorized under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code on the taxpayer's own return.

(F) Each return or notice required to be filed under this section shall contain the signature of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's duly authorized agent and of the person who prepared the return for the taxpayer, and shall include the taxpayer's social security number. Each return shall be verified by a declaration under the penalties of perjury. The tax commissioner
shall prescribe the form that the signature and declaration shall take.

(G) Each return or notice required to be filed under this section shall be made and filed as required by section 5747.04 of the Revised Code, on or before the fifteenth day of April of each year, on forms that the tax commissioner shall prescribe, together with remittance made payable to the treasurer of state in the combined amount of the state and all school district income taxes shown to be due on the form.

Upon good cause shown, the commissioner may extend the period for filing any notice or return required to be filed under this section and may adopt rules relating to extensions. If the extension results in an extension of time for the payment of any state or school district income tax liability with respect to which the return is filed, the taxpayer shall pay at the time the tax liability is paid an amount of interest computed at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code on that liability from the time that payment is due without extension to the time of actual payment. Except as provided in section 5747.132 of the Revised Code, in addition to all other interest charges and penalties, all taxes imposed under this chapter or Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code and remaining unpaid after they become due, except combined amounts due of one dollar or less, bear interest at the rate per annum prescribed by section 5703.47 of the Revised Code until paid or until the day an assessment is issued under section 5747.13 of the Revised Code, whichever occurs first.

If the commissioner considers it necessary in order to ensure the payment of the tax imposed by section 5747.02 of the Revised Code or any tax imposed under Chapter 5748. of the
Revised Code, the commissioner may require returns and payments
to be made otherwise than as provided in this section.

To the extent that any provision in this division
conflicts with any provision in section 5747.026 of the Revised
Code, the provision in that section prevails.

(H) The amounts withheld by an employer pursuant to
section 5747.06 of the Revised Code, a casino operator pursuant
to section 5747.063 of the Revised Code, or a lottery sales
agent pursuant to section 5747.064 of the Revised Code shall be
allowed to the recipient of the compensation casino winnings, or
lottery prize award as credits against payment of the
appropriate taxes imposed on the recipient by section 5747.02
and under Chapter 5748. of the Revised Code.

(I) If a pass-through entity elects to file a single
return under division (D) of this section and if any investor is
required to file the annual return and make the payment of taxes
required by this chapter on account of the investor's other
income that is not included in a single return filed by a pass-
through entity or any other investor elects to file the annual
return, the investor is entitled to a refundable credit equal to
the investor's proportionate share of the tax paid by the pass-
through entity on behalf of the investor. The investor shall
claim the credit for the investor's taxable year in which or
with which ends the taxable year of the pass-through entity.
Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow any credit
provided in this chapter to be claimed more than once. For the
purpose of computing any interest, penalty, or interest penalty,
the investor shall be deemed to have paid the refundable credit
provided by this division on the day that the pass-through
entity paid the estimated tax or the tax giving rise to the
credit.

(J) The tax commissioner shall ensure that each return required to be filed under this section includes a box that the taxpayer may check to authorize a paid tax preparer who prepared the return to communicate with the department of taxation about matters pertaining to the return. The return or instructions accompanying the return shall indicate that by checking the box the taxpayer authorizes the department of taxation to contact the preparer concerning questions that arise during the processing of the return and authorizes the preparer only to provide the department with information that is missing from the return, to contact the department for information about the processing of the return or the status of the taxpayer's refund or payments, and to respond to notices about mathematical errors, offsets, or return preparation that the taxpayer has received from the department and has shown to the preparer.

(K) The tax commissioner shall permit individual taxpayers to instruct the department of taxation to cause any refund of overpaid taxes to be deposited directly into a checking account, savings account, or an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity, or preexisting college savings plan or program account offered by the Ohio tuition trust authority under Chapter 3334. of the Revised Code, as designated by the taxpayer, when the taxpayer files the annual return required by this section electronically.

(L) The tax commissioner may adopt rules to administer this section.

**Sec. 5747.77.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Eligible student" means an individual who is entitled
to attend a public school in this state under section 3313.64 or
3313.65 of the Revised Code and whose family income for the
taxable year does not exceed one hundred seventy-five per cent
of the official federal poverty guidelines as revised annually
in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget
family size equal to the size of the family whose income is
being determined. "Eligible student" may include the taxpayer
claiming the credit under this section.

(2) "Extracurricular activity" means a student club,
organization, activity, or program sponsored by a public school
in this state that is not included in the school's graded course
of study including those involving music, drama, fine arts, or
athletics. "Extracurricular activity" does not include club-
sponsored sports, organizations, programs, or activities.

(3) "Extracurricular activity fee" means an amount charged
by a public school in this state for a student's participation
in an extracurricular activity including an amount charged by a
public school for the participation of a student who is not
enrolled in the school pursuant to section 3313.537, 3313.5311,
or 3313.5312 of the Revised Code. "Extracurricular activity fee"
does not include any amount charged as tuition for enrollment in
a graded course of study or amounts charged in excess of a
general participation fee for expenses such as uniforms,
equipment, or travel.

(4) "Family income" means:

(a) If the student's natural or adoptive parents are
married, the combined Ohio adjusted gross incomes of both
natural or adoptive parents;
(b) If the student's natural or adoptive parents have terminated their marriage by a divorce, dissolution of marriage, or annulment, or if the natural or adoptive parents are living separate and apart under a legal separation decree, and a court has issued an order designating a residential parent with respect to the student, the Ohio adjusted gross income of the residential parent;

(c) Under the conditions described in division (A)(4)(b) of this section, if a court has issued a shared parenting decree with respect to the student, the Ohio adjusted gross income of either parent;

(d) If the student has only one natural or adoptive parent, the Ohio adjusted gross income of that parent;

(e) If the student's natural or adoptive parents have never been married, the Ohio adjusted gross income of either parent.

(5) "Family size" means the sum obtained by adding each natural or adoptive parent whose Ohio adjusted gross income is included in the computation of family income under this section to the number of dependents claimed by that parent or those parents on their federal income tax return.

(6) "Public school" means any school operated by a school district board of education, any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, any STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, and any college preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

(B) Subject to the limitation prescribed by division (C) of this section, there is hereby allowed a credit against an
individual taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code equal to the sum of the extracurricular activity fees paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year on behalf of one or more eligible students. If the credit allowed for any taxable year exceeds the aggregate amount of tax otherwise due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, after allowing for any other credits preceding the credit in the order prescribed by section 5747.98 of the Revised Code, the excess shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

(C) The credit authorized by this section applies only to one extracurricular activity fee per eligible student per taxable year. If two or more taxpayers pay extracurricular activity fees on behalf of the same eligible student in the same taxable year, the taxpayer that made the first such payment shall be entitled to the credit unless an alternative arrangement is mutually agreed upon by all of the taxpayers that made payments on behalf of the eligible student. If the same taxpayer pays more than one extracurricular activity fee on behalf of the same eligible student, the taxpayer may choose which fee to use in computing the amount of the credit.

Sec. 5747.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for calculating a taxpayer's aggregate tax liability under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, a taxpayer shall claim any credits to which the taxpayer is entitled in the following order:

(1) Either the retirement income credit under division (B) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code or the lump sum retirement income credits under divisions (C), (D), and (E) of that section;

(2) Either the senior citizen credit under division (F) of section 5747.055 of the Revised Code or the lump sum
distribution credit under division (G) of that section;

(3) The dependent care credit under section 5747.054 of the Revised Code;

(4) The credit for displaced workers who pay for job training under section 5747.27 of the Revised Code;

(5) The campaign contribution credit under section 5747.29 of the Revised Code;

(6) The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under section 5747.022 of the Revised Code;

(7) The joint filing credit under division (G) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

(8) The earned income credit under section 5747.71 of the Revised Code;

(9) The credit for adoption of a minor child under section 5747.37 of the Revised Code;

(10) The nonrefundable job retention credit under division (B) of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;

(11) The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of the Revised Code;

(12) The ethanol plant investment credit under section 5747.75 of the Revised Code;

(13) The credit for purchases of qualifying grape production property under section 5747.28 of the Revised Code;

(14) The small business investment credit under section 5747.81 of the Revised Code;

(15) The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of
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the Revised Code;

(16) The research and development credit under section 5747.331 of the Revised Code;

(17) The credit for rehabilitating a historic building under section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;

(18) The nonresident credit under division (A) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

(19) The credit for a resident's out-of-state income under division (B) of section 5747.05 of the Revised Code;

(20) The refundable motion picture production credit under section 5747.66 of the Revised Code;

(21) The refundable jobs creation credit or job retention credit under division (A) of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;

(22) The refundable credit for taxes paid by a qualifying entity granted under section 5747.059 of the Revised Code;

(23) The refundable credits for taxes paid by a qualifying pass-through entity granted under division (I) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code;

(24) The refundable credit under section 5747.80 of the Revised Code for losses on loans made to the Ohio venture capital program under sections 150.01 to 150.10 of the Revised Code;

(25) The refundable credit for rehabilitating a historic building under section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;

(26) The refundable credit for financial institution taxes paid by a pass-through entity granted under section 5747.65 of
(27) The refundable credit for paying an extracurricular activity fee under section 5747.77 of the Revised Code.

(B) For any credit, except the refundable credits enumerated in this section and the credit granted under division (H) of section 5747.08 of the Revised Code, the amount of the credit for a taxable year shall not exceed the taxpayer's aggregate amount of tax due under section 5747.02 of the Revised Code, after allowing for any other credit that precedes it in the order required under this section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried forward if authorized under the section creating that credit. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow a taxpayer to claim, directly or indirectly, a credit more than once for a taxable year.

Section 2. That existing sections 5747.08 and 5747.98 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The amendment or enactment by this act of sections 5747.08, 5747.77, and 5747.98 of the Revised Code applies to taxable years ending on or after the effective date of this section.