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To enact section 6301.14 of the Revised Code to
create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development
Revolving Loan Fund, to create the OhioMeansJobs
Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, to
allocate a portion of casino license fees to
finance the loan program, and to make an
appropriation.

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

Section 1. That section 6301.14 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 6301.14. The OhioMeansJobs workforce development
revolving loan fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The
fund shall consist of a portion of the proceeds from the upfront
license fees paid for the casino facilities authorized under
Section 6(C) of Article XV, Ohio Constitution. The investment
earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.

Section 2. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Institution" means any of the following:

(a) A state institution of higher education, as defined in	18
section 3345.011 of the Revised Code;	19
(b) A private career school, as defined in section 3332.01 of	20
the Revised Code;	21
(c) A private, nonprofit institution in this state holding a	22
certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the	23
Revised Code;	24
(d) A private institution exempt from regulation under	25
Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section	26
3333.046 of the Revised Code, if the program has a certificate of	27
authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code;	28
(e) A career-technical center, joint vocational school	29
district, comprehensive career-technical center, or compact	30
career-technical center offering adult training.	31
(2) "Workforce training program" includes any of the	32
following:	33
(a) Courses, programs, or a degree from an institution;	34
(b) Vocational education classes offered to adult learners;	35
(c) Any other training program designed to meet the special	36
requirements of a particular employer.	37
(B)(1) The OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan	38
Program is hereby established for the purpose of assisting with	39
job growth and advancement through training and retraining. The	40
Director of Development Services shall administer the program and	41
shall award funds to an institution that the institution shall use	42
to award loans to participants in a workforce training program	43
that is approved by the Director and that is administered by the	44
institution.	45
(2) In awarding funds under this section, the Director shall	46
give a preference to an institution for a workforce training	47

program in which the institution partners with a business that is 48
willing to repay all or part of the loan on behalf of a program 49
participant or with a business that also provides funding for the 50
program, in comparison to a program that does not have such a 51
partnership. The Director shall consider a program that has 52
employment opportunities in high-growth areas, including, but not 53
limited to, energy exploration. 54

(3) The Director also shall consider all of the following 55
factors when determining whether to award funds under this section 56
to an institution for a workforce training program, to the extent 57
that these factors apply to the program: 58

(a) The success rate of the workforce training program 59
offered by the institution; 60

(b) The cost of the workforce training program based upon a 61
comparison of similar workforce training programs offered in this 62
state; 63

(c) The rate that the workforce training program participants 64
obtain employment in the field in which they receive training 65
under the program; 66

(d) The willingness of the institution to assist a 67
participant in paying for the costs of participating in the 68
workforce training program. 69

(4) After the initial funds are awarded to institutions under 70
this section, the Director, in awarding subsequent funds under 71
this section, shall give greater weight to the factors listed in 72
division (B)(3)(a) of this section in comparison to the other 73
factors listed in division (B)(3) of this section, but shall not 74
give that factor greater weight than the preference given in 75
division (B)(2) of this section. 76

(C) Funds shall be disbursed to successful applicants using 77
moneys from the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan 78

Fund established in section 6301.14 of the Revised Code. The 79
Director shall not award to an institution more than one hundred 80
thousand dollars per workforce training program per year under 81
this section. An institution receiving funds under this section 82
shall establish eligibility requirements that a participant in the 83
workforce training program for which the institution received the 84
funds shall satisfy to receive a loan under this section and shall 85
disburse the loan to program participants who satisfy those 86
requirements. A loan awarded by an institution to a program 87
participant under this section shall not exceed ten thousand 88
dollars per program in which the participant participates. 89

(b) A loan to a program participant shall remain 90
interest-free until six months after the date the participant 91
successfully completes the workforce training program, if the 92
participant also continues to reside in this state. Beginning on 93
the earlier of the date that is six months after the individual 94
completes the workforce training program for which the participant 95
received a loan under this section or the date the participant 96
ceases to reside in this state, the Director shall assess a rate 97
of interest of not more than four per cent per annum on any 98
outstanding principal balance of that loan. The Director shall not 99
assess a zero per cent interest rate. The Director shall establish 100
a payment schedule not to exceed seven years after the date a 101
participant successfully completes the workforce training program. 102

(E) The Director shall prescribe, by rule adopted in 103
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, procedures 104
necessary to carry out this section, including all of the 105
following: 106

(1) Application procedures for funds under this section, 107
which shall include a description of the workforce training 108
program for which the institution intends to award loans and the 109
number of individuals who will be participating in that program; 110

(2) Terms for repayment of a loan;	111
(3) Assessment of interest on loans for a participant who fails to comply with continuing eligibility requirements, who fails to complete the workforce training program for which the participant received the loan, or whose participation in the program is on a staggered basis;	112 113 114 115 116
(4) A method to determine the amount of funds awarded to an institution based on the costs of the workforce training program for which a program participant receives a loan and the number of individuals the institution estimates will participate in the program;	117 118 119 120 121
(5) Disbursement of funds to an institution;	122
(6) The process by which the Director approves workforce training programs for which loans are granted under this section.	123 124
(F) The Treasurer of State shall serve as an agent for the Director in the making of deposits and withdrawals and maintenance of records pertaining to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund.	125 126 127 128
(G) The Treasurer of State, or an agent of the Treasurer of State, shall service loans described in this section and is authorized to take such actions and to enter into such contracts and to execute all instruments necessary or appropriate to service loans described in this section. The Treasurer of State may adopt rules under section 111.15 of the Revised Code to implement this division.	129 130 131 132 133 134 135
Section 3. All items in this section are hereby appropriated as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated fund. For all appropriations made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2014 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2015. The appropriations	136 137 138 139 140

made in this act are in addition to any other appropriations made 141
for the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium. 142

Appropriations

DEV DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY 143

State Special Revenue Fund Group 144

5XXX 195XXX OhioMeansJobs \$ 25,000,000 \$ 0 145

Workforce Development

Revolving Loan

Program

TOTAL SSR State Special Revenue \$ 25,000,000 \$ 0 146

Fund Group

TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$ 25,000,000 \$ 0 147

OHIOMEANSJOBS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM 148

The foregoing appropriation item 195XXX, OhioMeansJobs 149
Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, shall be used for 150
the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program to 151
provide loans to individuals for workforce training as described 152
in Section 2 of this act. 153

The Director of Development Services and Treasurer of State 154
may each certify to the Director of Budget and Management the 155
amount of administrative expenses estimated as a result of 156
implementing and operating the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development 157
Revolving Loan Program over the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium. The main 158
operating appropriations act of the 130th General Assembly shall 159
account for these costs in the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium. 160

Any unexpended and unencumbered portion of the foregoing 161
appropriation item 195XXX, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development 162
Revolving Loan Program, at the end of fiscal year 2014 is hereby 163
reappropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2015. 164

Section 4. TRANSFER TO OHIOMEANSJOBS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 165

REVOLVING LOAN FUND 166

On July 1, 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 167
Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$25,000,000 from 168
the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by the 169
Board of Regents to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development 170
Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5XXX) used by the Development Services 171
Agency. 172

Section 5. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 173
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 174
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 175
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in which 176
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 177
appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as 178
though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 130th 179
General Assembly. 180

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 181
provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 130th 182
General Assembly that are generally applicable to such 183
appropriations. 184