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**A B I L L**

To enact section 6301.14 of the Revised Code to	1
create the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development	2
Revolving Loan Fund, to create the OhioMeansJobs	3
Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, to	4
allocate a portion of casino license fees to	5
finance the loan program, and to make an	6
appropriation.	7

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

<b>Section 1.</b> That section 6301.14 of the Revised Code be	8
enacted to read as follows:	9

<u><b>Sec. 6301.14.</b> The OhioMeansJobs workforce development</u>	10
<u>revolving loan fund is hereby created in the state treasury. The</u>	11
<u>fund shall consist of a portion of the proceeds from the upfront</u>	12
<u>license fees paid for the casino facilities authorized under</u>	13
<u>Section 6(C) of Article XV, Ohio Constitution. The investment</u>	14
<u>earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund.</u>	15

**Section 2.** (A) As used in this section: 16

(1) "Institution" means any of the following: 17

(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  
Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents shall administer the 41  
program and shall award funds to an institution that the 42  
institution shall use to award loans to participants in a 43  
workforce training program that is approved by the Chancellor and 44

that is administered by the institution. 45

(2) In awarding funds under this section, the Chancellor 46  
shall 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 Chancellor shall consider a program that has 52  
employment opportunities in areas that are in demand, including, 53  
but not limited to, energy exploration. 54

(3) The Chancellor 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

(e) The extent to which the program has demonstrated support 70  
from business partners. 71

(4) After the initial funds are awarded to institutions under 72  
this section, the Chancellor, in awarding subsequent funds under 73  
this section, shall give greater weight to the factors listed in 74

division (B)(3)(a) of this section in comparison to the other 75  
factors listed in division (B)(3) of this section, but shall not 76  
give that factor greater weight than the preference given in 77  
division (B)(2) of this section. 78

(C) Funds shall be disbursed to successful applicants using 79  
moneys from the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan 80  
Fund established in section 6301.14 of the Revised Code. The 81  
Chancellor shall not award to an institution more than one hundred 82  
thousand dollars per workforce training program per year under 83  
this section. An institution receiving funds under this section 84  
shall establish, in consultation with the Board of Regents, 85  
eligibility requirements that a participant in the workforce 86  
training program for which the institution received the funds 87  
shall satisfy to receive a loan under this section, and the 88  
institution shall disburse the loan to program participants who 89  
satisfy those requirements. A loan awarded by an institution to a 90  
program participant under this section shall not exceed ten 91  
thousand dollars per program in which the participant 92  
participates. 93

(D) Except as provided in the rules adopted by the Chancellor 94  
pursuant to division (E)(3) of this section, a loan to a program 95  
participant shall remain interest-free until six months after the 96  
date the participant successfully completes the workforce training 97  
program, if the participant also continues to reside in this 98  
state. Beginning on the earlier of the date that is six months 99  
after the individual completes the workforce training program for 100  
which the participant received a loan under this section or the 101  
date the participant ceases to reside in this state, the 102  
Chancellor shall assess a rate of interest of not more than four 103  
per cent per annum on any outstanding principal balance of that 104  
loan. The Chancellor shall not assess a zero per cent interest 105  
rate. The Chancellor shall establish a payment schedule not to 106

exceed seven years after the date a participant successfully 107  
completes the workforce training program. 108

(E) The Chancellor shall prescribe, by rule adopted in 109  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, procedures 110  
necessary to carry out this section, including all of the 111  
following: 112

(1) Application procedures for funds under this section, 113  
which shall require an applicant to include a description of the 114  
workforce training program for which the institution intends to 115  
award loans and the number of individuals who will be 116  
participating in that program; 117

(2) Terms for repayment of a loan; 118

(3) Assessment of interest on loans for a participant who 119  
fails to comply with continuing eligibility requirements, who 120  
fails to complete the workforce training program for which the 121  
participant received the loan, or whose participation in the 122  
program is on a staggered basis; 123

(4) A method to determine the amount of funds awarded to an 124  
institution based on the costs of the workforce training program 125  
for which a program participant receives a loan and the number of 126  
individuals the institution estimates will participate in the 127  
program; 128

(5) Disbursement of funds to an institution; 129

(6) The process by which the Chancellor approves workforce 130  
training programs for which loans are granted under this section. 131

(F) The Treasurer of State shall serve as an agent for the 132  
Chancellor in the making of deposits and withdrawals and 133  
maintenance of records pertaining to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce 134  
Development Revolving Loan Fund. 135

(G)(1) The Chancellor may designate either the Treasurer of 136

State or a third party to serve as the Chancellor's agent in 137  
servicing the loans described in this section. The agent 138  
designated by the Chancellor pursuant to this division is 139  
authorized to take such actions and to enter into such contracts 140  
and to execute all instruments necessary or appropriate to service 141  
loans described in this section. If the Chancellor or an agent of 142  
the Chancellor designated by the Chancellor who is not the 143  
Treasurer of State services the loans described in this section, 144  
the Chancellor shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. 145  
of the Revised Code to establish a fee to be charged to a loan 146  
recipient to offset the cost of servicing the loan. 147

(2) If the Treasurer of State is designated the agent 148  
pursuant to this division, the Treasurer of State may designate a 149  
third party to serve as an agent of the Treasurer of State in 150  
servicing the loans. The third party designated by the Treasurer 151  
of State is authorized to take such actions, to enter into such 152  
contracts, and to execute all instruments necessary or appropriate 153  
to service those loans. If the Treasurer of State or an agent of 154  
the Treasurer of State services the loans pursuant to this 155  
division, the Treasurer of State shall adopt rules pursuant to 156  
section 111.15 of the Revised Code to establish a fee to be 157  
charged to a loan recipient to offset the cost of servicing the 158  
loan. The Treasurer of State may adopt any additional rules 159  
pursuant to section 111.15 of the Revised Code that the Treasurer 160  
of State considers necessary to implement this division. 161

(3) The loan servicing fee established pursuant to division 162  
(G)(1) or (2) of this section shall not exceed the actual cost of 163  
servicing the loan. 164

(H)(1) The Chancellor shall prepare a report outlining the 165  
amount each institution received under this section during the 166  
previous year, including the amount awarded to each individual 167  
workforce training program. The Chancellor may include in the 168

report any recommendations for legislative changes to the Program 169  
that the Chancellor determines are necessary to improve the 170  
functioning and efficiency of the Program. 171

(2) Beginning on July 1, 2014, and continuing every year 172  
thereafter for so long as the Chancellor awards funds under the 173  
Program, the Chancellor shall submit the report prepared in 174  
division (H)(1) of this section to the Governor, the Speaker and 175  
Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the President 176  
and Minority Leader of the Senate. 177

**Section 3.** All items in this section are hereby appropriated 178  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 179  
credit of the designated fund. For all appropriations made in this 180  
act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2014 and those 181  
in the second column are for fiscal year 2015. The appropriations 182  
made in this act are in addition to any other appropriations made 183  
for the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium. 184

Appropriations

BOR BOARD OF REGENTS 185

State Special Revenue Fund Group 186

5NH0 235684 OhioMeansJobs \$ 25,000,000 \$ 0 187

Workforce Development

Revolving Loan

Program

TOTAL SSR State Special Revenue \$ 25,000,000 \$ 0 188

Fund Group

TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$ 25,000,000 \$ 0 189

OHIOMEANSJOBS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM 190

The foregoing appropriation item 235684, OhioMeansJobs 191  
Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, shall be used for 192  
the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program to 193  
provide loans to individuals for workforce training as described 194

in Section 2 of this act. 195

The Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents and Treasurer of 196  
State may each certify to the Director of Budget and Management 197  
the amount of administrative expenses estimated as a result of 198  
implementing and operating the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development 199  
Revolving Loan Program over the FY 2014-FY 2015 biennium. 200

Of the foregoing appropriation item 235684, OhioMeansJobs 201  
Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program, up to \$250,000 in 202  
fiscal year 2014 may be used by the Chancellor of the Board of 203  
Regents for administrative expenses of the Program, and up to 204  
\$250,000 in fiscal year 2014 may be used by the Treasurer of State 205  
for administrative expenses of the Program. 206

Any unexpended and unencumbered portion of the foregoing 207  
appropriation item 235684, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development 208  
Revolving Loan Program, at the end of fiscal year 2014 is hereby 209  
reappropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2015. To the 210  
extent that reappropriated funds are available, of the foregoing 211  
appropriation item 235684, OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development 212  
Revolving Loan Program, up to \$250,000 in fiscal year 2015 may be 213  
used by the Chancellor of the Board of Regents for administrative 214  
expenses of the Program, and up to \$250,000 in fiscal year 2015 215  
may be used by the Treasurer of State for administrative expenses 216  
of the Program. 217

**Section 4. TRANSFER TO OHIOMEANSJOBS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** 218  
**REVOLVING LOAN FUND** 219

On July 1, 2013, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 220  
Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$25,000,000 from 221  
the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by the 222  
Board of Regents to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development 223  
Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0) used by the Board of Regents. 224



**Section 5.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the 225  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 226  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 227  
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in which 228  
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 229  
appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as 230  
though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 130th 231  
General Assembly. 232

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 233  
provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 130th 234  
General Assembly that are generally applicable to such 235  
appropriations. 236