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**A BILL**

To amend Section 257.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly regarding employers of automotive technicians and motor vehicle technicians participating in the Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program.

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

**Section 1.** That Section 257.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 257.30. BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

The foregoing appropriation item 195649, Business Assistance Programs, shall be used for administrative expenses associated with the operation of tax credit programs, loan servicing, the Ohio Film Office, workforce initiatives, and the Office of Strategic Business Investments.

**STATE SPECIAL PROJECTS**

The State Special Projects Fund (Fund 4F20), may be used for the deposit of private-sector funds from utility companies and for the deposit of other miscellaneous state funds. State

moneys so deposited may also be used to match federal housing grants for the homeless. 18  
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MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN 20

All repayments from the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board Loan Program and the Ohio Mini-Loan Guarantee Program shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10). 21  
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MINORITY BUSINESS BONDING FUND 25

Notwithstanding Chapters 122., 169., and 175. of the Revised Code, the Director of Development Services may, upon the recommendation of the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board, pledge up to \$10,000,000 in the fiscal year 2016-fiscal year 2017 biennium of unclaimed funds administered by the Director of Commerce and allocated to the Minority Business Bonding Program under section 169.05 of the Revised Code. 26  
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If needed for the payment of losses arising from the Minority Business Bonding Program, the Director of Budget and Management may, at the request of the Director of Development Services, request that the Director of Commerce transfer unclaimed funds that have been reported by holders of unclaimed funds under section 169.05 of the Revised Code to the Minority Bonding Fund (Fund 4490). The transfer of unclaimed funds shall only occur after proceeds of the initial transfer of \$2,700,000 by the Controlling Board to the Minority Business Bonding Program have been used for that purpose. If expenditures are required for payment of losses arising from the Minority Business Bonding Program, such expenditures shall be made from appropriation item 195658, Minority Business Bonding Contingency in the Minority Business Bonding Fund, and such amounts are 33  
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hereby appropriated. 47

DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE 48

The Director of Budget and Management shall transfer 49  
\$3,500,000 in cash in each fiscal year from the Economic 50  
Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by the Department of 51  
Higher Education to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training 52  
Fund (Fund 5HR0) used by the Development Services Agency. The 53  
transferred funds shall be used for appropriation item 195622, 54  
Defense Development Assistance, to be allocated to Development 55  
Projects, Inc., for economic development programs and the 56  
creation of new jobs to leverage and support mission gains at 57  
Department of Defense and related facilities in Ohio by working 58  
with future base realignment and closure activities and ongoing 59  
Department of Defense efficiency and partnership initiatives, 60  
assisting efforts to secure Department of Defense support 61  
contracts for Ohio companies, assessing and supporting regional 62  
job training and workforce development needs generated by the 63  
Department of Defense and the Ohio aerospace industry, promoting 64  
technology transfer to Ohio businesses, and for expanding job 65  
training and economic development programs in human performance 66  
and cyber security related initiatives. 67

On July 1, 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 68  
Director of Development Services may request that the Director 69  
of Budget and Management reappropriate any unexpended, 70  
unencumbered balance of the prior fiscal year's appropriation to 71  
the foregoing appropriation item 195622, Defense Development 72  
Assistance, for fiscal year 2017. The Director of Budget and 73  
Management may request additional information necessary for 74  
evaluating the request, and the Director of Development Services 75  
shall provide the requested information to the Director of 76

Budget and Management. Based on the information provided by the 77  
Director of Development Services, the Director of Budget and 78  
Management shall determine the amount to be reappropriated, and 79  
those amounts are hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2017. 80

INCUMBENT WORKFORCE TRAINING VOUCHERS 81

(A) The Director of Budget and Management may transfer up 82  
to \$7,500,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Economic 83  
Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by the Department of 84  
Higher Education to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training 85  
Fund (Fund 5HR0) used by the Development Services Agency. 86

(B) The foregoing appropriation item 195662, Incumbent 87  
Workforce Training Vouchers, shall be used to support the Ohio 88  
Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program. 89

(C) The Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program 90  
shall conform to guidelines for the operation of the program, 91  
including, but not limited to, the following: 92

(1) A requirement that a training voucher under the 93  
program shall not exceed \$6,000 per worker per year; 94

(2) A provision for an employer of an eligible employee to 95  
apply for a voucher on behalf of the eligible employee; 96

(3) A provision for an eligible employee to apply directly 97  
for a training voucher with the pre-approval of the employee's 98  
employer; ~~and~~ 99

(4) A requirement that an employee participating in the 100  
program, or the employee's employer, shall pay for not less than 101  
thirty-three per cent of the training costs under the program; 102

(5) A requirement that an employee who is an automotive 103  
technician or a motor vehicle technician is an eligible employee 104

if the employee otherwise satisfies the requirements of the 105  
program and that an employer of an automotive technician or a 106  
motor vehicle technician, including an employer that is a motor 107  
vehicle retail service store or a motor vehicle dealer licensed 108  
under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code, is an eligible employer 109  
if the employer otherwise satisfies the requirements for program 110  
participation. As used in this division: 111

(a) "Automotive technician" means an individual who 112  
repairs, services, or performs maintenance on motor vehicles or 113  
other types of vehicles, including, but not limited to, utility 114  
vehicles. 115

(b) "Motor vehicle," "utility vehicle," and "vehicle" have 116  
the same meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 117

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Director of Development Services may request that the Director 119  
of Budget and Management reappropriate any unexpended, 120  
unencumbered balance of the prior fiscal year's appropriation to 121  
the foregoing appropriation item 195662, Incumbent Workforce 122  
Training Vouchers, for fiscal year 2017. The Director of Budget 123  
and Management may request additional information necessary for 124  
evaluating the request, and the Director of Development Services 125  
shall provide the requested information to the Director of 126  
Budget and Management. Based on the information provided by the 127  
Director of Development Services, the Director of Budget and 128  
Management shall determine the amount to be reappropriated, and 129  
those amounts are hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2017. 130

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND 131

The foregoing appropriation item 195640, Local Government 132  
Innovation, shall be used for the purposes of making loans and 133

grants to political subdivisions under the Local Government 134  
Innovation Program in accordance with sections 189.01 to 189.10 135  
of the Revised Code, and for the purposes of making loans and 136  
grants to political subdivisions and grants to the Department of 137  
Administrative Services under the Local Government Efficiency 138  
Program. Of the foregoing appropriation item 195640, Local 139  
Government Innovation, up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year shall 140  
be used for administrative costs incurred by the Development 141  
Services Agency, of which up to \$25,000 in each fiscal year may 142  
be used for the costs of preparing a report involving the local 143  
government information exchange. Of the foregoing appropriation 144  
item 195640, Local Government Innovation, up to \$75,000 in each 145  
fiscal year may be used to administer and provide technical 146  
assistance in providing the grants or loans involving the local 147  
government information exchange. In administering and providing 148  
this technical assistance, the Director of Development Services 149  
may enter into agreements with the Director of Administrative 150  
Services or other entities. 151

ADVANCED ENERGY LOAN PROGRAMS 152

The foregoing appropriation item 195660, Advanced Energy 153  
Loan Programs, shall be used to provide financial assistance to 154  
customers for eligible advanced energy projects for residential, 155  
commercial, and industrial business, local government, 156  
educational institution, nonprofit, and agriculture customers, 157  
and to pay for the program's administrative costs as provided in 158  
sections 4928.61 to 4928.63 of the Revised Code and rules 159  
adopted by the Director of Development Services. 160

CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIP 161

On July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 162  
Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$500,000 cash 163

from the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by 164  
the Board of Regents to the Career Exploration Internship Fund 165  
(Fund 5NS0) used by the Development Services Agency. 166

The foregoing appropriation item 195616, Career 167  
Exploration Internship, shall be used for the Career Exploration 168  
Internship Program as described in section 122.177 of the 169  
Revised Code. 170

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM 171

The foregoing appropriation item 195666, Local Government 172  
Safety Capital Grant Program, shall be used for the Local 173  
Government Safety Capital Grant Program as described in Section 174  
701.120 of ~~this act~~ Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General 175  
Assembly. 176

Notwithstanding the application and funding requirements 177  
under division (A) of Section 701.120 of ~~this act~~ Am. Sub. H.B. 178  
64 of the 131st General Assembly, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 179  
shall be distributed to Jefferson Township in Clinton County to 180  
build a new firehouse. 181

LAKES IN ECONOMIC DISTRESS REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM 182

On July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 183  
Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$500,000 cash 184  
from the General Revenue Fund to the Lakes in Economic Distress 185  
Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5RQ0). 186

The foregoing appropriation item 195546, Lakes in Economic 187  
Distress Revolving Loan Program, shall be used for the purposes 188  
described under section 122.641 of the Revised Code. 189

On July 1, 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 190  
Director of Development Services shall certify to the Director 191

of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, 192  
unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 195546, 193  
Lakes in Economic Distress Revolving Loan Program, to be 194  
reappropriated in fiscal year 2017. The amount certified is 195  
hereby reappropriated to the foregoing appropriation item in FY 196  
2017 for the same purpose. 197

LOCAL PUBLIC ENHANCEMENT 198

The foregoing appropriation item 195678, Local Public 199  
Enhancement, shall be allocated to the Highland County 200  
Commissioners for local public enhancements. 201

TRAVEL AND TOURISM COOPERATIVE PROJECTS 202

The foregoing appropriation item 195690, Travel and 203  
Tourism Cooperative Projects, shall be used for the marketing 204  
and promotion of travel and tourism in Ohio. The Travel and 205  
Tourism Cooperative Projects Fund (Fund 5W50) shall consist 206  
solely of leveraged private sector paid advertising dollars 207  
received in tourism marketing assistance and co-op programs. 208

VOLUME CAP ADMINISTRATION 209

The foregoing appropriation item 195654, Volume Cap 210  
Administration, shall be used for expenses related to the 211  
administration of the Volume Cap Program. Revenues received by 212  
the Volume Cap Administration Fund (Fund 6170) shall consist of 213  
application fees, forfeited deposits, and interest earned from 214  
the custodial account held by the Treasurer of State. 215

**Section 2.** That existing Section 257.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 216  
64 of the 131st General Assembly is hereby repealed. 217