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**Cosponsors: Representatives Boyd, Fedor, Antonio, Celebrezze, Lepore-Hagan,
Reece**

A BILL

To enact sections 3333.101 and 3333.102 of the 1
Revised Code to create the Frances Lewandowski 2
Memorial Medical Research Fund and the Medical 3
University Research Reserve Fund to provide 4
grants to public medical schools for research on 5
terminal, chronic, or currently incurable 6
diseases, to require the General Assembly 7
annually to appropriate for those grants an 8
amount equal to not less than one-tenth of one 9
per cent of the total prior year General Revenue 10
Fund appropriations, and to make an 11
appropriation. 12

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

Section 1. That sections 3333.101 and 3333.102 of the 13
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 14

Sec. 3333.101. (A) As used in this section: 15

(1) "Eligible program" means a medical school accredited 16
by the liaison committee on medical education or an osteopathic 17
medical school accredited by the American osteopathic 18

association. 19

(2) "State institution of higher education" has the same 20
meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 21

(B) The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents shall 22
establish and administer the Frances Lewandowski memorial 23
medical research fund to provide grants to eligible programs at 24
state institutions of higher education for conducting research 25
on terminal, chronic, or currently incurable diseases. 26

The chancellor shall transfer any funds not awarded under 27
this section in a fiscal year to the medical university research 28
reserve fund created in section 3333.102 of the Revised Code to 29
use for awarding grants in subsequent fiscal years. 30

(C) (1) Not later than ninety days after the effective date 31
of this section, the chancellor shall create, and appoint 32
members to, the Frances Lewandowski memorial medical research 33
fund board to solicit, accept, and review applications for the 34
Frances Lewandowski memorial medical research fund. Members of 35
the board shall have demonstrated experience and expertise in 36
the field of medical research. 37

(2) The chancellor shall adopt a policy by which the board 38
shall solicit, accept, and review applications for the Frances 39
Lewandowski memorial medical research fund. The board shall 40
begin accepting and reviewing applications and awarding grants 41
under this section not later than one hundred eighty days after 42
the effective date of this section. 43

(D) The general assembly shall appropriate for the 44
purposes of financing grants under this section, for each fiscal 45
year, an amount equal to not less than one-tenth of one per cent 46
of the total amount of moneys appropriated for all purposes from 47

the general revenue fund in the previous fiscal year. 48

Sec. 3333.102. The medical university research reserve 49
fund is hereby established in the state treasury. After the end 50
of each fiscal year, the chancellor of the Ohio board of regents 51
shall transfer any funds remaining after the Frances Lewandowski 52
memorial medical research fund board awards grants under section 53
3333.101 of the Revised Code into the medical university 54
research reserve fund from which the board may award future 55
grants under that section. 56

Section 2. On July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible 57
thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer 58
cash in an amount equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the 59
total amount of moneys appropriated for all purposes from the 60
General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2015 from the General 61
Revenue Fund to the Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical 62
Research Fund (Fund 5PJ0) to be used by the Chancellor of the 63
Board of Regents for the grant program established under section 64
3333.101 of the Revised Code. The transferred cash is hereby 65
appropriated. 66