

As Introduced

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S. B. No. 144

**Senator Eklund
Cosponsors: Senators Lehner, Patton**

A BILL

To fund the Lake County Educational Service Center 1
pilot project to support STEM initiatives for 2
middle school students and to make an 3
appropriation. 4

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

Section 1. All appropriation items in this act are 5
appropriated out of money in the state treasury to the credit of 6
the designated fund. For all appropriations made in this act, 7
the amounts in the first column are for fiscal year 2016 and the 8
amounts in the second column are for fiscal year 2017. The 9
appropriations made in this act are in addition to any other 10
appropriations made for the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium. 11

				Appropriations	12
EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION					13
5JC0 200649	Middle School STEM	\$200,000	\$0		14
	Initiatives Pilot				15
	Project				16
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund		\$200,000	\$0		17

TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$200,000 \$0 18

MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM INITIATIVES PILOT PROJECT 19

The foregoing appropriation item 200649, Middle School 20
STEM Initiatives Pilot Project, shall be distributed to the Lake 21
County Educational Service Center for a pilot project that 22
supports innovative STEM initiatives for middle school students 23
in Geauga and Lake counties, such as robotics contests and 24
after-school teams that work with businesses affiliated with the 25
Alliance for Working Together. These initiatives shall provide 26
middle school students with early access to programming, 27
engineering design, and problem-solving skills, the goal of 28
which is to build a strong regional pipeline of future 29
manufacturing workers who can fill high-paying, sustainable 30
positions in the automated manufacturing industry. Not later 31
than April 30, 2016, the Lake County Educational Service Center 32
shall submit a report that describes the progress of the pilot 33
project, including the number of students participating, to the 34
standing committees of the House of Representatives and the 35
Senate that are primarily responsible for considering economic 36
development issues. 37

Section 2. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 38
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 39
indicating the source and amount of money for each appropriation 40
made in this act and shall determine the form and manner in 41
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 42
from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for 43
as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 44
131st General Assembly. The appropriations made in this act are 45
subject to all provisions of the main operating appropriations 46
act of the 131st General Assembly that are generally applicable 47

to such appropriations.