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Sub. H. B. No. 525

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A BILL

То	amend sections 107.036, 122.85, 5726.98,	1
	5733.98, 5747.98, and 5751.98 of the Revised	2
	Code to extend eligibility for the motion	3
	picture tax credit to certain live stage theater	4
	productions, to include post-production and	5
	advertising expenses in computing the credit	6
	amount, and to make other revisions to the law	7
	governing administration of the credit.	8

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

Section 1. That sections 107.036, 122.85, 5726.98,	9
5733.98, 5747.98, and 5751.98 of the Revised Code be amended to	10
read as follows:	11
Sec. 107.036. (A) For each business incentive tax credit,	12
the main operating appropriations act shall contain a detailed	13
estimate of the total amount of credits that may be authorized	14
in each year, an estimate of the amount of credits expected to	15
be claimed in each year, and an estimate of the amount of	16
credits expected to remain outstanding at the end of the	17
biennium. The governor shall include such estimates in the state	18

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budget submitted to the general assembly pursuant to section 107.03 of the Revised Code.	19 20
(B) As used in this section, "business incentive tax credit" means all of the following:	21 22
(1) The job creation tax credit under section 122.17 of the Revised Code;	23
(2) The job retention tax credit under section 122.171 of the Revised Code;	25 26
(3) The historic preservation tax credit under section 149.311 of the Revised Code;	27 28
(4) The motion picture <u>and broadway theatrical production</u> tax credit under section 122.85 of the Revised Code;	29 30
(5) The new markets tax credit under section 5725.33 of the Revised Code;	31 32
(6) The research and development credit under section 166.21 of the Revised Code;	33 34
(7) The small business investment credit under section 122.86 of the Revised Code;	35 36
(8) The rural growth investment credit under section 122.152 of the Revised Code.	37 38
Sec. 122.85. (A) As used in this section and in sections 5726.55, 5733.59, 5747.66, and 5751.54 of the Revised Code:	39 40
(1) "Tax credit-eligible production" means a motion picture or broadway theatrical production certified by the director of development services under division (B) of this	41 42 43
section as qualifying the motion picture production company for a tax credit under section 5726.55, 5733.59, 5747.66, or 5751.54	44 45

product or service or in-house corporate advertising or other
similar productions, a production for purposes of political
advocacy, or any production for which records are required to be
maintained under 18 U.S.C. 2257 with respect to sexually
explicit content.

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fundraising, a long-form production that primarily markets a

- (6) "Broadway theatrical production" means a pre-broadway

 production, long run production, or tour launch.

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- (7) "Pre-broadway production" means a live stage

 production that is scheduled for presentation in New York city's

 broadway theater district after the original or adaptive version

 is performed in a qualified production facility.

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- (8) "Long run production" means a live stage production

 that is scheduled to be performed at a qualified production

 facility for more than five weeks, with an average of at least

 six performances per week.

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- (9) "Tour launch" means a live stage production for which
 the activities comprising the technical period are conducted at
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(6) The total budgeted eligible production expenditures	133	
and the percentage that amount is of the total production budget	134	
of the motion picture or broadway theatrical production;	135	
(7) The In the case of a motion picture, the total	136	
percentage of the motion picture production being shot in Ohio;	137	
(8) The level of employment of cast and crew who reside in	138	
Ohio;	139	
(9) A synopsis of the script;	140	
(10) The In the case of a motion picture, the shooting	141	
script;	142	
(11) A creative elements list that includes the names of	143	
the principal cast and crew and the producer and director;	144	
(12) Documentation of financial ability to undertake and	145	
complete the motion picture or broadway theatrical production,	146	
including documentation that shows that the company has secured	147	
funding equal to at least fifty per cent of the total production	148	
budget of the motion picture;	149	
(13) Estimated value of the tax credit based upon total	150	
budgeted eligible production expenditures;	151	
(14) Estimated amount of state and local taxes to be	152	
generated in this state from the production;	153	
(15) Any other information considered necessary by the	154	
director.	155	
Within ninety days after certification of a motion picture	156	
or broadway theatrical production as a tax credit-eligible	157	
production, and any time thereafter upon the request of the	158	
director of development services, the motion picture production	159	

rescission, the director shall notify the applicant that the certification has been rescinded. Nothing in this section 168

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after the date it is certified as a tax credit-eligible

production, the director shall rescind the certification. Upon

prohibits an applicant whose tax credit-eligible production 169 certification has been rescinded from submitting a subsequent 170

application for certification. 171

(C) (1) A motion picture production company whose motion 172 picture or broadway theatrical production has been certified as 173 a tax credit-eligible production may apply to the director of 174 development services on or after July 1, 2009, for a refundable 175 credit against the tax imposed by section 5726.02, 5733.06, 176 5747.02, or 5751.02 of the Revised Code. The director in 177 consultation with the tax commissioner shall prescribe the form 178 and manner of the application and the information or 179 documentation required to be submitted with the application. 180

The credit is determined as follows:

- (a) If the total budgeted eligible production—expenditures

 stated in the application submitted under division (B) of this

 section or the actual eligible production—expenditures as

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 finally determined under division (D) of this section, whichever

 is least, is less than or equal to three hundred thousand

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 dollars, no credit is allowed;
- (b) If the total budgeted eligible production expenditures 188 stated in the application submitted under division (B) of this 189

section or the actual eligible production—expenditures as 190 finally determined under division (D) of this section, whichever 191 is least, is greater than three hundred thousand dollars, the 192 credit equals thirty per cent of the least of such budgeted or 193 actual eligible expenditure amounts.

- (2) Except as provided in division (C)(4) of this section, 195 if the director of development services approves a motion-196 picture production company's application for a credit, the 197 director shall issue a tax credit certificate to the company. 198 The director in consultation with the tax commissioner shall 199 prescribe the form and manner of issuing certificates. The 200 director shall assign a unique identifying number to each tax 201 credit certificate and shall record the certificate in a 202 register devised and maintained by the director for that 203 purpose. The certificate shall state the amount of the eligible 204 production expenditures on which the credit is based and the 205 amount of the credit. Upon the issuance of a certificate, the 206 director shall certify to the tax commissioner the name of the 207 applicant, the amount of eligible production expenditures shown 208 on the certificate, and any other information required by the 209 rules adopted to administer this section. 210
- 211 (3) The amount of eliqible production expenditures for which a tax credit may be claimed is subject to inspection and 212 examination by the tax commissioner or employees of the 213 commissioner under section 5703.19 of the Revised Code and any 214 other applicable law. Once the eligible production expenditures 215 are finally determined under section 5703.19 of the Revised Code 216 and division (D) of this section, the credit amount is not 217 subject to adjustment unless the director determines an error 218 was committed in the computation of the credit amount. 219

(4) No tax credit certificate may be issued before the 220 completion of the tax credit-eliqible production. Not more than 221 forty million dollars of tax credit may be allowed per fiscal 222 year beginning July 1, 2016, provided that, for any fiscal year 223 in which the amount of tax credits allowed under this section is 224 less than that maximum annual amount, the amount not allowed for 225 that fiscal year shall be added to the maximum annual amount 226 that may be allowed for the following fiscal year. 227

(5) In approving Except as otherwise provided in this 228 division, the director shall review and approve applications for 229 tax credits under this section credit certificates in two rounds 230 each fiscal year. The first round of certificates shall be 231 approved not later than the last day of July of the fiscal year, 232 and the second round of certificates shall be approved not later 233 than the last day of the ensuing January. For each round, the 234 director shall rank applications on the basis of the extent of 235 positive economic impact each tax credit-eligible production is 236 likely to have in this state and the effect on developing a 237 permanent workforce in motion picture or theatrical production 238 industries in the state. For the purpose of such ranking, the 239 director shall give priority to tax-credit eligible productions 240 that are television series or miniseries due to the long-term 241 commitment typically associated with such productions. The 242 director shall approve productions in the order of their 243 ranking, from those with the greatest positive economic impact 244 and workforce development effect to those with the least 245 positive economic impact and workforce development effect. If 246 the amount of credits represented by productions approved in the 247 first round equals the maximum annual credit amount allowed 248 under division (C)(4) of this section, the director shall not 249 conduct the second round for the fiscal year. 250

(D) A motion picture production company whose motion	251
picture or broadway theatrical production has been certified as	252
a tax credit-eligible production shall engage, at the company's	253
expense, an independent certified public accountant to examine	254
the company's production, post-production, and advertising and	255
promotion expenditures to identify the expenditures that qualify	256
as eligible production -expenditures. The certified public	257
accountant shall issue a report to the company and to the	258
director of development services certifying the company's	259
eligible production expenditures and any other information	260
required by the director. Upon receiving and examining the	261
report, the director may disallow any expenditure the director	262
determines is not an eligible production -expenditure. If the	263
director disallows an expenditure, the director shall issue a	264
written notice to the motion picture production company stating	265
that the expenditure is disallowed and the reason for the	266
disallowance. Upon examination of the report and disallowance of	267
any expenditures, the director shall determine finally the	268
lesser of the total budgeted eligible production—expenditures	269
stated in the application submitted under division (B) of this	270
section or the actual eligible production -expenditures for the	271
purpose of computing the amount of the credit.	272

- (E) No credit shall be allowed under section 5726.55, 5733.59, 5747.66, or 5751.54 of the Revised Code unless the director has reviewed the report and made the determination prescribed by division (D) of this section.
- (F) This state reserves the right to refuse the use of this state's name in the credits of any tax credit-eligible motion picture production or program of any broadway theatrical production.

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(G)(1) The director of development services in	281
consultation with the tax commissioner shall adopt rules for the	282
administration of this section, including rules setting forth	283
and governing the criteria for determining whether a motion	284
picture or broadway theatrical production is a tax credit-	285
eligible production; activities that constitute the production	286
or post-production of a motion picture or broadway theatrical	287
<pre>production; reporting sufficient evidence of reviewable</pre>	288
progress; expenditures that qualify as eligible production-	289
expenditures; a schedule and deadlines for applications to be	290
submitted and reviewed; a competitive process for approving	291
credits based on likely economic impact in this state and	292
development of a permanent workforce in motion picture or	293
theatrical production industries in this state; consideration of	294
geographic distribution of credits; and implementation of the	295
program described in division (I) of this section. The rules	296
shall be adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	297
(2) To cover the administrative costs of the program, the	298
director shall require each applicant to pay an application fee	299
equal to the lesser of ten thousand dollars or one per cent of	300
the estimated value of the tax credit as stated in the	301
application. The fees collected shall be credited to the tax	302
incentives operating fund created in section 122.174 of the	303
Revised Code. All grants, gifts, fees, and contributions made to	304
the director for marketing and promotion of the motion picture	305
industry within this state shall also be credited to the fund.	306
(H)(1) After the director of development services makes	307
the determination required under division (D) of this section, a	308
motion picture production company to which a tax credit	309

certificate is issued may transfer the authority to claim all or

a portion of the amount of the tax credit the motion picture

(B) For any credit except the refundable credits	396
enumerated in this section, the amount of the credit for a	397
taxable year shall not exceed the tax due after allowing for any	398
other credit that precedes it in the order required under this	399
section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried	400
forward if authorized under the section creating that credit.	401
Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow a taxpayer	402
to claim, directly or indirectly, a credit more than once for a	403
taxable year.	404
Sec. 5733.98. (A) To provide a uniform procedure for	405
calculating the amount of tax imposed by section 5733.06 of the	406
Revised Code that is due under this chapter, a taxpayer shall	407
claim any credits to which it is entitled in the following	408
order, except as otherwise provided in section 5733.058 of the	409
Revised Code:	410
(1) For tax year 2005, the credit for taxes paid by a	411
qualifying pass-through entity allowed under section 5733.0611	412
of the Revised Code;	413
(2) The credit allowed for financial institutions under	414
section 5733.45 of the Revised Code;	415
(3) The credit for qualifying affiliated groups under	416
section 5733.068 of the Revised Code;	417
(4) The subsidiary corporation credit under section	418
5733.067 of the Revised Code;	419
(5) The credit for recycling and litter prevention	420
donations under section 5733.064 of the Revised Code;	421
(6) The credit for employers that enter into agreements	422
with child day-care centers under section 5733.36 of the Revised	423
Code;	424

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(6) The twenty-dollar personal exemption credit under	507
section 5747.022 of the Revised Code;	508
(7) The joint filing credit under division (G) of section	509
5747.05 of the Revised Code;	510
(8) The earned income credit under section 5747.71 of the	511
Revised Code;	512
(9) The credit for adoption of a minor child under section	513
5747.37 of the Revised Code;	514
(10) The nonrefundable job retention credit under division	515
(B) of section 5747.058 of the Revised Code;	516
(11) The enterprise zone credit under section 5709.66 of	517
the Revised Code;	518
(12) The ethanol plant investment credit under section	519
5747.75 of the Revised Code;	520
(13) The credit for purchases of qualifying grape	521
production property under section 5747.28 of the Revised Code;	522
(14) The small business investment credit under section	523
5747.81 of the Revised Code;	524
(15) The enterprise zone credits under section 5709.65 of	525
the Revised Code;	526
(16) The research and development credit under section	527
5747.331 of the Revised Code;	528
(17) The credit for rehabilitating a historic building	529
under section 5747.76 of the Revised Code;	530
(18) The nonresident credit under division (A) of section	531
5747.05 of the Revised Code;	532

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enumerated in this section, the amount of the credit for a tax	589	
period shall not exceed the tax due after allowing for any other	590	
credit that precedes it in the order required under this	591	
section. Any excess amount of a particular credit may be carried	592	
forward if authorized under the section creating the credit.	593	
Section 2. That existing sections 107.036, 122.85,	594	
5726.98, 5733.98, 5747.98, and 5751.98 of the Revised Code are	595	
hereby repealed.	596	
Section 3. The amendment by this act of division (B) of	597	
section 122.85 of the Revised Code requiring the Director of	598	
Development Services to rescind certification of any tax credit-	599	
eligible production that does not begin production within six	600	
months applies to motion pictures and broadway theatrical	601	
productions that are certified on or after July 1, 2018.	602	
All other amendments by this act of sections 107.036,	603	
122.85, 5726.98, 5733.98, 5747.98, and 5751.98 of the Revised	604	
Code apply to fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2018.	605	