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**S. B. No. 6**

**Senator Hoagland**

**Cosponsors: Senators LaRose, Obhof, Gardner**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 5501.491 of the Revised Code to 1  
extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program 2  
through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to 3  
require the Director of Transportation to submit 4  
a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of 5  
Representatives recommending ways to continue to 6  
fund the program. 7

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

**Section 1.** That section 5501.491 of the Revised Code be 8  
enacted to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 5501.491.** (A) There is hereby created the department 10  
of transportation bridge partnership program. Under the program, 11  
the department shall work with counties and local jurisdictions 12  
to, at the discretion of the director of transportation, either 13  
pay the full cost of, or match local expenditures with regard 14  
to, the rehabilitation or reconstruction of selected bridges 15  
that are located on county roads or within municipal 16  
corporations and are owned by a county or municipal corporation, 17  
as applicable. 18

The program also shall apply to embankments, drainage, and 19  
other issues related to a subject bridge. The director shall 20  
confer with the appropriate county or municipal corporation 21  
officials in determining what bridges will be part of the 22  
program. 23

(B) A bridge must meet all of the following criteria in 24  
order to be eligible for the program: 25

(1) The bridge must be not less than twenty feet in 26  
length. 27

(2) The bridge must be "structurally deficient" in that 28  
the bridge, while safe for use, is in need of repair. 29

(3) The bridge currently must be open and carrying 30  
vehicular traffic. 31

(C) Within ninety days of the effective date of this 32  
section, the director of transportation shall submit a report to 33  
the governor, the president of the senate, and the speaker of 34  
the house of representatives on funding the program. The report 35  
shall include recommendations for how the department can 36  
continue to fund the program through the end of fiscal year 2019 37  
and can continue to fund the program after the end of fiscal 38  
year 2019 using the department's current and continued revenue 39  
sources. 40

**Section 2.** Section 5501.491 of the Revised Code is hereby 41  
repealed, effective July 1, 2019. 42