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**Representative Hicks-Hudson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Boyd, Brent, Brown, Hoops, Lightbody, Kelly,  
O'Brien, Sheehy, Sobecki, Weinstein, White, Lepore-Hagan**

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**A BILL**

To establish the Urban Farmer Youth Initiative 1  
Pilot Program and to make an appropriation. 2

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

**Section 1.** (A) The Chancellor of Higher Education, in 3  
collaboration with the Ohio State University Cooperative 4  
Extension Services and Central State University Cooperative 5  
Extension Services, shall establish the Urban Farmer Youth 6  
Initiative Pilot Program to provide relevant programming and 7  
support with regard to farming and agriculture to young people 8  
between the ages of six to eighteen living in urban areas. 9

(B) The pilot program shall operate for fiscal years 2022 10  
and 2023 and offer programming in at least two, but not more 11  
than four, counties. 12

(C) (1) The Chancellor and the Ohio State University 13  
Cooperative Extension Services and Central State University 14  
Cooperative Extension Services may do both of the following: 15

(a) Use up to fifteen per cent of the amount appropriated 16  
for fiscal year 2022 for the pilot program to develop and 17

establish the pilot program; 18

(b) Partner with local entities to deliver programming for 19  
the pilot program. The Chancellor and the extension services may 20  
pay entities for services with funds appropriated for this 21  
program. 22

(2) Any appropriated funds may also be used to support 23  
existing agricultural organizations to help expand programming 24  
to include young people living in urban areas. 25

**Section 2.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated 26  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 27  
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 28  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 29  
2022 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2023. 30  
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 31  
any other operating appropriations made for the FY 2022-FY 2023 32  
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**Section 3.** 34

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A	BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	235589	Urban Farmer Youth Initiative Pilot Program	\$250,000	\$250,000
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$250,000	\$250,000

E TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$250,000 \$250,000

URBAN FARMER YOUTH INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM 36

The foregoing appropriation item 235589, Urban Farmer 37  
Youth Initiative Pilot Program, shall be used by the Chancellor 38  
of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Ohio State 39  
University and Central State University, to administer the Urban 40  
Farmer Youth Initiative Pilot Program pursuant to Section 1 of 41  
this act. 42

**Section 4.** Within the limits set forth in this act, the 43  
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 44  
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 45  
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in 46  
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures 47  
from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 48  
accounted for as though made in H.B. 110 of the 134th General 49  
Assembly. The operating appropriations made in this act are 50  
subject to all provisions of H.B. 110 of the 134th General 51  
Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations. 52