

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

1 Delete lines 59586 through 59613 and insert:

2 "Sec. 3357.131. (A) As used in this section:

3 (1) "Community college" has the same meaning as in section  
4 3333.168 of the Revised Code.

5 (2) "County board" means the board of county commissioners  
6 of Fairfield county.

7 (3) "Degree or program" means any of the following:

8 (a) An academic program that grants a student college  
9 credit;

10 (b) A certificate program that grants a student college  
11 credit;

12 (c) An associate's degree issued pursuant to section  
13 3333.04 of the Revised Code;

14 (d) A bachelor's degree issued pursuant to section 3333.051  
15 of the Revised Code.

16 (4) "Qualifying university" means a state university, as  
17 defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, that operates a  
18 branch campus in Fairfield county;

19       (5) "Workforce advisory board" means an advisory board  
20 established by the county board to address workforce issues in  
21 Fairfield county. The advisory board shall consist of the  
22 following members:

23       (a) An individual appointed by the county board, who shall  
24 serve as chairperson of the advisory board;

25       (b) A representative of the local board of the local area  
26 that includes Fairfield county, who shall be appointed by the  
27 county board. As used in this division, "local area" and "local  
28 board" have the same meanings as in section 6301.01 of the  
29 Revised Code.

30       (c) A representative of a technical college established  
31 under this chapter that is not co-located with an institution of  
32 higher education, who shall be appointed by the county board;

33       (d) A representative of the educational service center that  
34 has a majority of the territory of Fairfield county, who shall  
35 be appointed by the county board;

36       (e) The vice provost for regional higher education and  
37 partnerships of a qualifying university.

38       A member of the advisory board appointed by the county  
39 board serves at the pleasure of the county board.

40       A member of the workforce advisory board may designate an  
41 individual to serve in the member's place on the advisory board.

42 (B) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this  
43 chapter, subject to the approval of the chancellor of higher  
44 education, a community college that is not co-located with an  
45 institution of higher education may develop and offer a degree  
46 or program in Fairfield county if all of the following apply:

47 (1) The college creates a document that demonstrates there  
48 is a workforce need in the county, which shall include a request  
49 for a degree or program.

50 (2) The college submits the document to the workforce  
51 advisory board. The workforce advisory board shall review the  
52 document and vote on all of the following:

53 (a) Whether the document demonstrates a legitimate  
54 workforce need in Fairfield county;

55 (b) Whether to support an institution of higher education  
56 offering the degree or program in Fairfield county;

57 (c) Which institution of higher education to recommend to  
58 the chancellor to offer the degree or program in Fairfield  
59 county.

60 (3) If the advisory board unanimously votes that the  
61 document demonstrates a legitimate workforce need in Fairfield  
62 county and to support an institution of higher education  
63 offering the degree or program in the county, it shall transmit  
64 that fact and its recommended institution to the chancellor.



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95           - If the workforce advisory board unanimously votes the  
96 document demonstrates a workforce need and to support an  
97 institution offering the degree or program, it must transmit  
98 that fact and its recommended institution to the Chancellor.

99           2. Establishes a workforce advisory board for Fairfield  
100 County, which consists of:

101           - An individual, who serves as chairperson, appointed by  
102 the board of county commissioners;

103           - A representative of the local workforce board of the area  
104 that includes Fairfield County, appointed by the board of county  
105 commissioners;

106           - A representative of Hocking College, appointed by the  
107 board of county commissioners

108           - A representative of the Fairfield County Educational  
109 Service Center, appointed by the board of county commissioners;  
110 and

111           - The Vice Provost for Regional Higher Education and  
112 Partnerships of Ohio University.

113           3. Permits a workforce advisory board member to designate  
114 an individual to serve in the member's place;

115           4. States that nothing in the provision precludes Ohio  
116 University from developing or expanding degrees or programs at  
117 its Lancaster branch campus;

118           5. States that the provision does not replace or supersede  
119 existing processes for the development or approval of degrees or  
120 programs.