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Pizzulli, Cockley, Isaacsohn, Jarrells, King, Russo, Brownlee**

To enact section 122.1712 of the Revised Code to 1
create the Ohio Israel Trade and Innovation 2
Partnership and to make an appropriation. 3

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

Section 1. That section 122.1712 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 122.1712. (A) The Ohio Israel Trade and Innovation 6
Partnership is created. The partnership shall study potential 7
means of advancing the following: 8

(1) Bilateral trade and investment between Ohio and 9
Israel; 10

(2) Policy issues of mutual interest to Ohio and Israel; 11

(3) Business and academic exchanges between Ohio and 12
Israel; 13

(4) Mutual economic support between Ohio and Israel; 14

(5) Mutual investment in the infrastructure of Ohio and 15
Israel; 16

(6) Specific industries, emerging technology opportunities 17

and, innovation clusters that warrant support from Ohio and 18
Israel; 19

(7) Multilateral partnerships between Ohio, Israel, and 20
other nations regarding the industries, emerging technology 21
opportunities, or innovation clusters identified in division (A) 22
(6) of this section, such as partnerships between Israel and 23
nations in Africa, Asia, Europe, members of the Gulf cooperation 24
council, and Oceania; 25

(8) Other issues as determined by the partnership. 26

(B) The partnership shall consist of the following 27
members: 28

(1) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president 29
of the senate, who have knowledge of, or current or past 30
involvement in, organizations that promote Israeli affairs, or 31
have interest in the well-being of trade relations between Ohio 32
and Israel; 33

(2) One member of the senate, appointed by the minority 34
leader of the senate, who has knowledge of, or current or past 35
involvement in, organizations that promote Israeli affairs, or 36
has interest in the well-being of trade relations between Ohio 37
and Israel; 38

(3) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed 39
by the speaker of the house of representatives, who have 40
knowledge of, or current or past involvement in, organizations 41
that promote Israeli affairs, or have interest in the well-being 42
of trade relations between Ohio and Israel; 43

(4) One member of the house of representatives, appointed 44
by the minority leader of the house of representatives, who has 45
knowledge of, or current or past involvement in, organizations 46

<u>that promote Israeli affairs, or has interest in the well-being</u>	47
<u>of trade relations between Ohio and Israel;</u>	48
<u>(5) Eight members appointed by the governor, with the</u>	49
<u>advice and consent of the senate, who shall include the</u>	50
<u>following:</u>	51
<u>(a) One member who represents a state institution of</u>	52
<u>higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised</u>	53
<u>Code;</u>	54
<u>(b) One member who represents the Ohio chamber of commerce</u>	55
<u>or a successor organization that advances business interests in</u>	56
<u>this state;</u>	57
<u>(c) One member who represents the nonprofit corporation</u>	58
<u>Ohio Jewish communities;</u>	59
<u>(d) One member who represents the nonprofit corporation</u>	60
<u>formed under section 187.01 of the Revised Code;</u>	61
<u>(e) Two members who represent a regional affiliate of the</u>	62
<u>nonprofit corporation formed under section 187.01 of the Revised</u>	63
<u>Code;</u>	64
<u>(f) Two members, who represent Ohio's business community,</u>	65
<u>from any of the following organizations:</u>	66
<u>(i) An Ohio local chamber of commerce;</u>	67
<u>(ii) Ohio business roundtable;</u>	68
<u>(iii) Ohio manufacturers' association;</u>	69
<u>(iv) Ohio life sciences.</u>	70
<u>(6) Three ex-officio members as follows:</u>	71
<u>(a) The chancellor of higher education;</u>	72

<u>(b) The director of development;</u>	73
<u>(c) The lieutenant governor.</u>	74
<u>(C) Members of the partnership shall be appointed not</u>	75
<u>later than ninety days after the effective date of this section.</u>	76
<u>Members of the partnership appointed under divisions (B) (1) to</u>	77
<u>(4) of this section shall serve terms of two years or for the</u>	78
<u>remainder of the member's legislative term, whichever is less.</u>	79
<u>Members of the partnership appointed under division (B) (5) of</u>	80
<u>this section shall serve terms of four years. Any vacancy on the</u>	81
<u>partnership shall be filled in the same manner as the original</u>	82
<u>appointment.</u>	83
<u>(D) Members of the partnership shall serve without</u>	84
<u>compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses actually</u>	85
<u>incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits</u>	86
<u>of funds available to the partnership for such purposes.</u>	87
<u>(E) (1) The partnership shall meet and hold hearings at the</u>	88
<u>places it designates throughout the state.</u>	89
<u>(2) The partnership shall elect a chairperson from among</u>	90
<u>the members of the partnership. The chairperson may appoint from</u>	91
<u>the partnership members of subcommittees and subcommittee</u>	92
<u>chairpersons at the chairperson's discretion.</u>	93
<u>(3) A majority of the members of the partnership</u>	94
<u>constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the business of the</u>	95
<u>partnership.</u>	96
<u>(F) Not later than fifteen months after the effective date</u>	97
<u>of this section, and annually thereafter, the partnership shall</u>	98
<u>issue a report of its activities during the preceding year, and</u>	99
<u>any associated findings and recommendations, to the governor,</u>	100
<u>the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of</u>	101

representatives. 102

Section 2. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 103
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 104
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 105
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 106
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 107
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 108
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 109
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A	DEV DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	1954A4	Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

OHIO-ISRAEL TRADE AND INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP 111

The foregoing appropriation item 1954A4, Ohio-Israel Trade 112
and Innovation Partnership, shall be used to support the 113
activities of the Ohio-Israel Trade and Innovation Partnership 114
established under section 122.1712 of the Revised Code. 115

Section 3. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 116
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 117
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 118
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 119
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 120

operating appropriations contained in this act shall be	121
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all	122
applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act	123
of the 136th General Assembly.	124