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H. B. No. 562

Representatives Mohamed, Piccolantonio

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brennan, Brownlee, Lett, Russo, Sims, Synenberg,
Upchurch**

To make an appropriation to promote food options	1
for students with religious dietary	2
restrictions.	3

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

Section 1. All items in this act are hereby appropriated	4
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the	5
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations	6
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year	7
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027.	8
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to	9
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years.	10

Section 2.	11
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A	AGR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
B	General Revenue Fund			
C	GRF	700514	Special Projects	\$0 \$300,000

D	TOTAL General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$300,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$0	\$300,000

SPECIAL PROJECTS 13

The foregoing appropriation item 700514, Special Projects, 14
shall be used by the Director of Agriculture to award 15
competitive grants to middle schools, high schools, and 16
institutions of higher education to establish, expand, or 17
improve the provision of special religious diets, including 18
kosher and halal food. The Director of Agriculture, in 19
consultation with the Director of Education and Workforce and 20
Chancellor of Higher Education, shall establish procedures and 21
criteria for awarding the grants. 22

Section 3. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 23
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 24
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 25
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 26
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 27
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 28
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 29
applicable provisions of, H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly. 30