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SUMMARY

- Establishes the Ohio Tech Institute to:
 - Operate a statewide database and service platform available to participating entities to centralize and provide access to consolidated federal tech-transfer opportunities;
 - Facilitate introductions and partnerships between interested students, colleges, or universities and companies or organizations interested in commercialization or collaboration; and
 - Provide coaching and support for participants seeking federal matching funding.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Ohio Tech Institute

The bill requires the Chancellor of Higher Education to partner with the Ohio Federal Research Network to establish and administer the Ohio Tech Institute. The bill states that the Institute's purpose is to strengthen Ohio's innovation ecosystem by streamlining access to federal technology, fostering cross-sector collaboration, and supporting funding opportunities for colleges and universities, businesses, and other partners. The Institute must create and operate a statewide database and service platform available to any participating Ohio college and university, private or nonprofit company, and government entity.

That database must centralize and provide access to consolidated federal tech-transfer opportunities. The Institute must regularly distribute refined lists of available technologies to participating members. It also must facilitate introductions and partnerships between interested students, colleges, or universities and companies or organizations interested in commercialization or collaboration. The Institute must coordinate with participants when exploring further collaboration opportunities.

The Institute, through the Ohio Federal Research Network, must provide coaching and support for participants seeking federal matching funding, including:

1. Small business innovation research programs;
2. Tactical funding increase programs; and
3. Strategic funding increase programs.¹

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 3333.56.