

As Introduced

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H. B. No. 734

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To enact section 3302.27 of the Revised Code to 1
establish the Outstanding Citizenship Award 2
designation on the state report card and to make 3
an appropriation. 4

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

Section 1. That section 3302.27 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3302.27. (A) The department of education and 7
workforce shall indicate on the state report card issued under 8
section 3302.03 of the Revised Code for a school district that 9
it has received an outstanding citizenship award if the school 10
district does all of the following: 11

(1) Requires each school in the district to provide a time 12
at the beginning of each school day for all students to recite 13
the pledge of allegiance; 14

(2) Requires each school in the district to provide a time 15
at the beginning of each school day for all students to observe 16
a moment of silence; 17

(3) Encourages all students to read the founding documents 18
of Ohio and the United States of America; 19

(4) Has eighty per cent or more of all high school 20
students demonstrating at least a proficient level of skill as 21
prescribed under division (B) (5) (a) of section 3301.0712 of the 22
Revised Code on both the American history and American 23
government end-of-course examinations prescribed under division 24
(B) (2) of section 3301.0712 of the Revised Code. 25

(B) Each fiscal year, the department shall provide a grant 26
of five hundred dollars to each district that receives the 27
outstanding citizenship award. The district shall use the grant 28
to pay for transportation costs to transport the students of the 29
district to visit the Ohio statehouse and museum. 30

Section 2. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 31
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 32
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 33
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 34
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 35
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 36
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 37

Section 3. 38
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A	EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	200439	Accountability/Report Cards	\$350,000	\$350,000
D	General Revenue Fund Total			\$350,000	\$350,000

E TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$350,000 \$350,000

ACCOUNTABILITY/REPORT CARDS 40

The foregoing appropriation item 200439, 41
Accountability/Report Cards, shall be used to issue grants to 42
school districts that receive an outstanding citizenship award 43
under section 3302.27 of the Revised Code. 44

Section 4. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 45
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 46
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 47
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 48
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 49
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 50
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all 51
applicable provisions of, H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly. 52