

Sub. H. B. No. 96  
As Passed by the Senate  
DEVCD24

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

After line 8562, insert:

"(6) "Fiscal year" means the fiscal year of this state as specified  
in section 9.34 of the Revised Code."

In line 8567, after the period insert "The director shall administer  
the program so that the total reimbursement to each training provider  
approved to participate in the program occurs at least once per fiscal  
year."

In line 8570, after "development" insert "at the beginning or before  
the beginning of a fiscal year, but not later than the date established by  
the director"

In line 8623, after "shall" insert "submit the reimbursement  
application during the fiscal year in which the training provider applied  
under division (C) of this section, but not later than the date  
established by the director. The training provider shall"

In line 8639, after the period insert "However, each participating  
training provider that is a state institution of higher education may  
receive a total reimbursement or advance payment amount under section



122.1713 of the Revised Code of one million dollars in a fiscal year." 18

In line 8645, strike through "both" and insert "all" 19

In line 8649, after "(2)" insert "Create applications to participate 20  
in and seek advance payments under the platinum provider programs 21  
established under sections 122.1712 and 122.1713 of the Revised Code; 22

(3) " 23

In line 8661, after "section" insert "and sections 122.1712 and 24  
122.1713 of the Revised Code" 25

After line 8670, insert: 26

**"Sec. 122.1712. (A) As used in this section:** 27

(1) "Fiscal year" means the fiscal year of this state as 28  
specified in section 9.34 of the Revised Code. 29

(2) "Individual microcredential assistance program" means 30  
the individual microcredential assistance program created under 31  
section 122.1710 of the Revised Code. 32

(3) "Microcredential" has the same meaning as in section 33  
122.178 of the Revised Code. 34

(4) "Training provider" means all of the following: 35

(a) An Ohio technical center as defined in section 3333.94 36  
of the Revised Code; 37

(b) A private business or institution that offers training 38  
to allow an individual to earn one or more microcredentials; 39

(c) A state institution of higher education as defined in 40  
section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 41

(B) The director of development, in consultation with the 42

governor's office of workforce transformation, shall establish a 43  
platinum provider program. A training provider that is approved 44  
to participate in the individual microcredential assistance 45  
program and that meets the requirements specified under this 46  
section is eligible to participate in the platinum provider 47  
program. A training provider approved to participate in the 48  
platinum provider program may receive one or more advance 49  
payments to cover the training costs for individuals to earn a 50  
microcredential under the individual microcredential assistance 51  
program. 52

(C) A training provider seeking to participate in the 53  
platinum provider program shall apply to the director on a form 54  
prescribed by the director after the training provider is 55  
approved to participate in the individual microcredential 56  
assistance program. The training provider shall include in the 57  
application all of the following information: 58

(1) The advance payment amount the training provider is 59  
seeking, not to exceed twenty per cent of the total 60  
reimbursement amount the training provider seeks under division 61  
(C) of section 122.1710 of the Revised Code; 62

(2) Evidence that at least eighty per cent of individuals 63  
who participated in training programs offered by the training 64  
provider in the previous fiscal year earned a microcredential 65  
under the individual microcredential assistance program; 66

(3) The number of microcredentials for which the training 67  
provider is seeking an advance payment and the names of the 68  
microcredentials; 69

(4) The cost of the training for each microcredential for 70  
which the training provider is seeking an advance payment; 71

(5) Proof that the training provider has obtained a surety 72  
bond that meets the requirements of division (J) of this 73  
section. 74

(D) The director shall notify a training provider in 75  
writing of the director's decision to approve or deny an 76  
application the training provider submits under division (C) of 77  
this section. If the director approves the application, the 78  
director shall do both of the following: 79

(1) Designate the training provider as a platinum 80  
provider; 81

(2) Provide an initial advance payment to the platinum 82  
provider in the amount specified in the application but not 83  
exceeding any of the amounts described under division (F) of 84  
this section. 85

(E) After each training program that a platinum provider 86  
administers during a fiscal year that results in at least one 87  
individual earning a microcredential, the provider may apply for 88  
a subsequent advance payment of not more than the least of the 89  
amounts described under division (F) of this section. The 90  
provider shall include in the application the same information 91  
as described under division (C) of this section. If a provider 92  
applies for a subsequent advance payment under this division, 93  
one of the following applies depending on the training program's 94  
completion rate: 95

(1) If at least eighty per cent of the individuals who 96  
participated in the training program earned a microcredential, 97  
the director shall provide a subsequent advance payment to the 98  
provider in the amount specified in the application. 99

(2) If less than eighty per cent of the individuals who 100

participated in the training program earned a microcredential, 101  
to be eligible for a subsequent advance payment, the provider 102  
shall refund to the director a certain per cent of the advance 103  
payment amount that was last provided to the provider during the 104  
fiscal year as determined under division (E) (2) (a) of this 105  
section. 106

(a) The per cent a provider must refund to be eligible for 107  
a subsequent advance payment under division (E) (2) of this 108  
section is the difference between eighty per cent and the per 109  
cent of individuals who earned a microcredential. 110

(b) For a provider to whom division (E) (2) of this section 111  
applies, if the provider complies with that division, the 112  
director shall provide a subsequent advance payment to the 113  
provider in the amount specified in the provider's application. 114  
If the provider does not comply with that division, the director 115  
shall not provide a subsequent advance payment. 116

(F) In no case shall the director provide an advance 117  
payment under this section that exceeds the least of the 118  
following amounts: 119

(1) Twenty per cent of the total amount of reimbursement 120  
the platinum provider seeks under division (C) of section 121  
122.1710 of the Revised Code; 122

(2) The amount of the provider's surety bond required by 123  
division (J) of this section, less any previous advance payment 124  
the provider is required to refund to the director under 125  
division (G) of this section, if the provider has not yet 126  
completed the refund; 127

(3) One hundred thousand dollars. 128

(G) (1) If the director approves a reimbursement 129  
application that a platinum provider submits under division (F) 130  
of section 122.1710 of the Revised Code, the director shall 131  
reimburse the platinum provider for the total actual cost for 132  
the platinum provider to provide training to individuals who 133  
earned a microcredential in accordance with that division less 134  
the total advance payment amount provided to the platinum 135  
provider under this section. The director shall not reimburse 136  
the platinum provider for any amounts the platinum provider 137  
refunded to the director under division (E) (2) of this section. 138  
If the platinum provider specifies in the reimbursement 139  
application that the total actual cost for the platinum provider 140  
to provide the training is less than the total advance payment 141  
amount provided to the platinum provider under this section, the 142  
platinum provider shall refund to the director the difference 143  
between the advance payment amount and the actual training cost. 144

(2) If a platinum provider fails to apply for 145  
reimbursement under division (F) of section 122.1710 of the 146  
Revised Code, the director shall require the platinum provider 147  
to refund the total advance payment amount provided to the 148  
platinum provider under this section. 149

(H) If, at the time a platinum provider seeks 150  
reimbursement under division (F) of section 122.1710 of the 151  
Revised Code, the director determines that less than eighty per 152  
cent of individuals who participated in training programs 153  
provided by the platinum provider in the fiscal year earned a 154  
microcredential or that the platinum provider has failed to 155  
maintain the bond required under division (J) of this section, 156  
both of the following apply: 157

(1) The director shall revoke the provider's status as a 158

platinum provider;

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(2) The provider is ineligible to participate in the  
platinum provider program for the following fiscal year.

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(I) A training provider whose platinum status is revoked  
under division (H) of this section may reapply to participate in  
the platinum provider program in the fiscal year that follows  
the fiscal year in which the training provider is ineligible to  
participate in the program under that division.

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(J) A training provider that is certified as a platinum  
provider or that seeks to participate in the platinum provider  
program shall maintain a surety bond issued by a bonding company  
or an insurance company licensed to do business in this state.  
The bond shall be in favor of the director in an amount not less  
than the sum of the total advance payments received by the  
provider for the fiscal year plus any advance payments for  
previous fiscal years that the provider is required to refund  
under division (G) of this section, if the provider has not yet  
completed the refund. The provider shall maintain the bond for  
so long as it participates in the program and shall not allow it  
to expire or terminate until all of the provider's obligations  
under division (G) of this section are fulfilled.

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**Sec. 122.1713.** (A) As used in this section:

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(1) "Fiscal year" means the fiscal year of this state as  
specified in section 9.34 of the Revised Code.

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(2) "Individual microcredential assistance program" means  
the individual microcredential assistance program created under  
section 122.1710 of the Revised Code.

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(3) "Microcredential" has the same meaning as in section

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<u>122.178 of the Revised Code.</u>	187
<u>(4) "State institution of higher education" has the same</u>	188
<u>meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.</u>	189
<u>(B) The director of development, in consultation with the</u>	190
<u>governor's office of workforce transformation, shall establish</u>	191
<u>an institutional platinum provider program for state</u>	192
<u>institutions of higher education approved to participate in the</u>	193
<u>individual microcredential assistance program.</u>	194
<u>(C) Each state institution of higher education shall do</u>	195
<u>both of the following:</u>	196
<u>(1) Provide at least two in-person training programs and</u>	197
<u>at least one online training program for individuals to earn a</u>	198
<u>microcredential;</u>	199
<u>(2) Not later than the thirty-first day of December</u>	200
<u>immediately after the effective date of this section, and not</u>	201
<u>later than the thirty-first day of December of each year</u>	202
<u>thereafter, apply to participate in the individual</u>	203
<u>microcredential assistance program.</u>	204
<u>(D) If the director approves a state institution of higher</u>	205
<u>education's application to participate in the individual</u>	206
<u>microcredential assistance program, all of the following apply:</u>	207
<u>(1) The director shall designate the institution as an</u>	208
<u>institutional platinum provider.</u>	209
<u>(2) The institution may participate in the institutional</u>	210
<u>platinum provider program established under this section.</u>	211
<u>(3) The institution is eligible to apply for one or more</u>	212
<u>advance payments under this section to cover training costs for</u>	213
<u>individuals to earn a microcredential.</u>	214

(E) An institutional platinum provider may apply for an 215  
initial advance payment of not more than twenty per cent of the 216  
total reimbursement amount the institution seeks under division 217  
(C) of section 122.1710 of the Revised Code. If an institution 218  
submits an application under this division, the director shall 219  
provide an advance payment to the institution in the amount 220  
specified in the application. 221

(F) After each training program that an institutional 222  
platinum provider administers during a fiscal year that results 223  
in at least one individual earning a microcredential, the 224  
institution may apply for a subsequent advance payment of not 225  
more than twenty per cent of the total reimbursement amount the 226  
institution seeks under division (C) of section 122.1710 of the 227  
Revised Code. If an institution applies for a subsequent advance 228  
payment under this division, one of the following applies 229  
depending on the training program's completion rate: 230

(1) If at least fifty per cent of the individuals who 231  
participated in the training program earned a microcredential, 232  
the director shall provide a subsequent advance payment to the 233  
institution in the amount specified in the application. 234

(2) If less than fifty per cent of the individuals who 235  
participated in the training program earned a microcredential, 236  
to be eligible for a subsequent advance payment, the institution 237  
shall refund to the director a certain per cent of the advance 238  
payment amount that was last provided to the institution during 239  
the fiscal year as determined under division (F) (2) (a) of this 240  
section. 241

(a) The per cent an institution must refund to be eligible 242  
for a subsequent advance payment under division (F) (2) of this 243  
section is the difference between fifty per cent and the per 244

cent of individuals who earned a microcredential. 245

(b) For an institution to whom division (F) (2) of this 246  
section applies, if the institution complies with that division, 247  
the director shall provide a subsequent advance payment to the 248  
institution in the amount specified in the institution's 249  
application. If the institution does not comply with that 250  
division, the director shall not provide a subsequent advance 251  
payment. 252

(G) In no case shall the total amount of the advance 253  
payments an institutional platinum provider receives under this 254  
section during any fiscal year exceed the total reimbursement 255  
amount the institution seeks under division (C) of section 256  
122.1710 of the Revised Code. 257

(H) If the director approves a reimbursement application 258  
that an institutional platinum provider submits under division 259  
(F) of section 122.1710 of the Revised Code, the director shall 260  
reimburse the institution in accordance with that division for 261  
the total actual cost for the institution to provide training to 262  
individuals who earned a microcredential less the total advance 263  
payment amount provided to the institution under this section. 264  
The director shall not reimburse the institution for any amounts 265  
the institution refunded to the director under division (F) (2) 266  
of this section. If the institution specifies in the 267  
reimbursement application that the total actual cost for the 268  
institution to provide the training is less than the total 269  
advance payment amount provided to the institution under this 270  
section, the institution shall refund to the director the 271  
difference between the advance payment amount and the actual 272  
training cost." 273

In line 146678, after "122.178" insert a comma 274

In line 146679, delete "and"; after "122.1710" insert ", 122.1712,  
and 122.1713" 275 276

After line 156561, insert: 277

**"Section 701.00.01.** Sections 122.1712 and 122.1713 of the 278  
Revised Code, as enacted by this act, shall be known as the 279  
Platinum Provider Act." 280

Update the title, amend, enact, or repeal clauses accordingly 281

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

#### SYNOPSIS 282

#### **Individual Microcredential Assistance Program** 283

#### **R.C. 122.1710, 122.1712, and 122.1713** 284

Restores provisions included in the House-Passed version 285  
that do all of the following: 286

--Creates the Institutional Platinum Provider Program 287  
(IPPP) for state institutions of higher of education 288  
participating in the Individual Microcredential Assistance 289  
Program (IMAP) under which an institution may receive one or 290  
more advance payments to train individuals to earn a 291  
microcredential. 292

--Increases from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 the total advance 293  
payment or reimbursement amount an institution participating in 294  
IMAP and IPPP may receive in a fiscal year. 295

--Creates the Platinum Provider Program for Ohio technical 296

centers, state institutions of higher education, and private 297  
businesses or institutions participating in IMAP under which an 298  
eligible participant may receive one or more advance payments to 299  
train individuals to earn a microcredential. 300

**Department of Development** 301

**Section 259.20** 302

Requires GRF ALI 195556, TechCred Program, to support the 303  
Platinum Provider Program and Institutional Platinum Provider 304  
Program in addition to the existing Techcred and IMAP programs. 305