

Sub. H. B. No. 96  
As Passed by the Senate  
BORCD9, BORCD100

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

In the table on line 152087, in row J, delete "\$10,000,000 1  
\$10,000,000" and insert "\$10,500,000 \$10,500,000" 2

In the table on line 152087, in rows BA and CB, add \$500,000 to each 3  
fiscal year 4

After line 152177, insert: 5

"(A) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235425, Ohio Work Ready 6  
Grant, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Chancellor of 7  
Higher Education to award grants according to the section of this act 8  
entitled "AI INTEGRATION IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES GRANT PROGRAM."" 9

In line 152178, delete "The" and insert "(B) The remainder of the" 10

After line 152181, insert: 11

**"Section 381.165.** AI INTEGRATION IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES 12  
GRANT PROGRAM 13

(A) The Chancellor of Higher Education shall create the 14  
Artificial Intelligence Integration in Community Colleges Pilot 15  
Grant Program to provide financial assistance to community 16  
colleges to implement artificial intelligence initiatives. 17

(B) The Chancellor shall award five competitive grants of 18  
\$100,000 each in each fiscal year to community colleges, as 19  
defined in section 3333.168 of the Revised Code. 20

(C) The Chancellor shall establish procedures and criteria 21  
for awarding the grants and shall give preference to community 22  
colleges that show a strong commitment and track record to 23  
integrating artificial intelligence into education, workforce 24  
development, and industry alignment. 25

(D) Eligible uses of the grant funds include all of the 26  
following: 27

(1) Integrating artificial intelligence curriculum into 28  
credential programs; 29

(2) Establishing artificial intelligence-based College 30  
Credit Plus Program offerings; 31

(3) Training faculty and staff on the uses of artificial 32  
intelligence technologies relevant to local industry or state 33  
needs; 34

(4) Supporting students with practical artificial 35  
intelligence skills through certifications and project-based 36  
learning; 37

(5) Purchasing artificial intelligence hardware and 38  
software; 39

(6) Utilizing artificial intelligence in streamlining 40  
administrative functions and student services; 41

(7) Contracting with a vendor to provide any or all of the 42  
services described in this division. 43

(E) The Chancellor shall monitor the performance of each 44

grant recipient in meeting the objectives of the program. 45

(F) Upon completion of the program, the Chancellor shall 46  
submit a report with legislative recommendations for further 47  
development of the program to the General Assembly in accordance 48  
with section 101.68 of the Revised Code." 49

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

### SYNOPSIS 50

#### **Department of Higher Education** 51

#### **Sections 381.10, 381.160, and 381.165** 52

Increases GRF ALI 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant, by 53  
\$500,000 in each fiscal year and restores the House version 54  
earmark of the same amounts from that ALI for grants under the 55  
AI Integration in Community Colleges Pilot Grant Program. 56

Restores House version provisions that: 57

- Establish the AI Integration in Community Colleges Pilot 58  
Grant Program to provide financial assistance to community 59  
colleges to implement artificial intelligence (AI) initiatives. 60

- Require the Chancellor to award five competitive grants 61  
of \$100,000 each in each fiscal year to public community 62  
colleges. 63

- Require the Chancellor to establish procedures and 64  
criteria for awarding the grants, giving preference to community 65  
colleges that show a strong commitment and track record to 66  
integrating AI into education, workforce development, and 67

industry alignment. 68

- Prescribe permissible uses of the grant funds, 69  
including: (1) integrating AI curriculum into credential 70  
programs; (2) establishing AI-based College Credit Plus Program 71  
offerings; (3) training faculty and staff on the uses of AI 72  
technologies relevant to local industry or state needs; (4) 73  
supporting students with practical AI skills through 74  
certifications and project-based learning; (5) purchasing AI 75  
hardware and software; (6) utilizing AI in streamlining 76  
administrative functions and student services; and (7) 77  
contracting with vendors to provide any or all of these 78  
services. 79

- Require the Chancellor to monitor grant recipient 80  
performance and submit a report on the pilot program, upon its 81  
completion, to the General Assembly. 82