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Senator Hicks-Hudson

To create the Farming and Workforce Development
Program and to make an appropriation.

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

Section 1. (A) As used in this section, "eligible
individual" means an individual who meets all of the following
criteria:

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(1) The individual is between sixteen years of age and
thirty-five years of age at the time the Farming and Workforce
Development Program commences.

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(2) The individual is a resident of this state.

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(B) The Farming and Workforce Development Program is
hereby created, which shall provide training to eligible
individuals to prepare such individuals for seasonal crop
farming employment. Each county office of the Ohio State
University Extension and Central State University Extension
shall develop guidelines and policies for the application
process, training coursework, and implementation of the Program.

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A person who has been convicted of or plead guilty to a
felony in this state or another state is eligible to participate
in the program so long as the person meets the definition of
"eligible individual."

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Section 2. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 21
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 22
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 23
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 24
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 25
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 26
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 27

Section 3. 28
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A	AGR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	700514	Special Projects	\$500,000	\$0
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$500,000	\$0
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$500,000	\$0

SPECIAL PROJECTS 30

The foregoing appropriation item 700514, Special Projects, 31
shall be used to support the activities of the Farming and 32
Workforce Development Program established under Section 1 of 33
this act. 34

Section 4. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 35
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 36
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 37
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 38
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 39
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be 40

accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all	41
applicable provisions of, H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.	42