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Senator Manchester

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To enact section 3301.96 of the Revised Code to 1
provide for the designation of high-quality 2
youth development programs by the Director of 3
Education and Workforce. 4

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

Section 1. That section 3301.96 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3301.96. (A) A program, or group of affiliated 7
programs represented by a statewide organization, seeking 8
designation as a high-quality youth development program shall 9
apply to the director of education and workforce in a manner 10
prescribed by the director. 11

(B) To be eligible for designation as a high-quality youth 12
development program under this section, the program or group of 13
affiliated programs shall demonstrate all of the following to 14
the director: 15

(1) That the program or group is, or supports, either of 16
the following entities: 17

(a) A youth development program as described in division 18
(B) (8) of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code; 19

<u>(b) An approved child day camp or licensed child care</u>	20
<u>program, each as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	21
<u>(2) That the program or group provides adequate safety</u>	22
<u>standards to ensure the care and protection of supported youth,</u>	23
<u>including by complying with federal, state, and local safety</u>	24
<u>laws, performing and documenting safety assessments, and</u>	25
<u>establishing screening protocols for its staff and volunteers;</u>	26
<u>(3) That the program or group exhibits financial soundness</u>	27
<u>and accountability by doing all of the following:</u>	28
<u>(a) Maintaining during the previous fiscal year audited</u>	29
<u>financial statements prepared in accordance with generally</u>	30
<u>accepted accounting principles;</u>	31
<u>(b) Submitting with the application a copy of the results</u>	32
<u>of a financial audit or review conducted within the previous</u>	33
<u>year by a certified public accountant without personal or</u>	34
<u>financial connections to the program or group;</u>	35
<u>(c) Maintaining adequate internal controls over all public</u>	36
<u>funds, including by establishing written policies for</u>	37
<u>procurement, conflict of interest, and segregation of financial</u>	38
<u>duties.</u>	39
<u>(4) That the program or group is able to document its</u>	40
<u>outcomes for youth in this state;</u>	41
<u>(5) That the program or group provides consistent,</u>	42
<u>developmentally appropriate, and structured programming that is</u>	43
<u>administered by qualified staff and aimed at youth outcomes in</u>	44
<u>the areas of academic success, healthy lifestyles, and future</u>	45
<u>readiness;</u>	46
<u>(6) That the program or group demonstrates a history of</u>	47

having operated year-round programming for youth in grades 48
kindergarten to twelve across multiple counties in this state; 49

(7) That the program or group operates in one or more 50
facilities that are both adequate and sufficient to safely and 51
routinely provide intended programming for youth during 52
consistent hours of operation; 53

(8) That the program or group demonstrates proficiency in 54
establishing local partnerships and community and family 55
engagement. 56

(C) The director shall review all applications submitted 57
under division (A) of this section. After receiving an 58
application the director considers complete, the director shall 59
determine if the applicant meets the requirements of division 60
(B) of this section. If the director determines that the 61
requirements have been met, the director shall designate the 62
program or group as a high-quality youth development program. A 63
designation made under this division applies to each facility in 64
which the program or group operates and provides programming for 65
youth. 66