## As Introduced

## 134th General Assembly Regular Session 2021-2022

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## Representative Lightbody

## A BILL

To enact sections 3333.393 and 3333.394 of the

Revised Code to establish the Grow Your Own Teacher Program and to make an appropriation.

BE II ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:				
Section 1. That sections 3333.393 and 3333.394 of the	4			
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	5			
Sec. 3333.393. (A) As used in this section and in section	6			
3333.394 of the Revised Code:	7			
(1) "Academic year" shall be as defined by the chancellor	8			
of higher education.	9			
(2) "Parent" means the parent, quardian, or custodian of a	10			
qualified student as described by this section.	11			
(3) "Qualified service" means teaching at a qualifying	12			
school.	13			
(4) "Qualifying school" means a school district building	14			
identified as "high need" by the chancellor and meets both of	15			
the following conditions:	16			
(a) At least fifty per cent of students enrolled in the	17			

school are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch, as	18
defined in section 3333.80 of the Revised Code;	19
(b) The school is operated by the same school district	20
from which the recipient of a scholarship graduated from high	21
school or was employed.	22
(5) "Qualifying employee" means an individual employed at	23
a school where at least fifty per cent of students enrolled in	24
the school are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch, as	25
defined in section 3333.80 of the Revised Code and who holds an	26
educational aide permit or educational paraprofessional license	27
issued under section 3319.088 or a substitute license under	28
section 3319.226 of the Revised Code. A "qualifying employee"	29
also includes an individual who taught at a school described in	30
division (A)(5) of this section and who holds a nonrenewable	31
temporary substitute license under Section 4 of S.B. 1 of the	32
134th general assembly.	33
(B) The grow your own teacher college scholarship program	34
is hereby established. Under the program, the chancellor of	35
higher education, in conjunction with the department of	36
education, shall award scholarships to the following:	37
(1) Low-income high school seniors who commit to teaching	38
in a qualifying school for a minimum of four years upon	39
graduation from a teacher training program at a state	40
institution of higher education or an Ohio nonprofit institution	41
of higher education that has a certificate of authorization	42
under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code.	43
(2) Qualifying employees who commit to teaching in a	44
qualifying school for a minimum of four years upon graduation	45
from a teacher training program at a state institution of higher	46

education or an Ohio nonprofit institution of higher education	47
that has a certificate of authorization under Chapter 1713. of	48
the Revised Code.	49
Each scholarship shall be awarded for up to four academic	50
years and shall not exceed \$7,500 for each academic year.	51
(C) The department and the chancellor shall develop an	52
application process for awarding scholarships under the program.	53
The department and the chancellor also shall appoint a highly	54
qualified and diverse application committee to assist in the	55
selection of scholarship recipients.	56
(D) (1) Scholarships shall be awarded to students under	57
division (B)(1) of this section who meet all of the following	58
<pre>conditions:</pre>	59
(a) Received a high school diploma or honors diploma under	60
section 3313.61 of the Revised Code;	61
(b) Were eligible for a free or reduced price lunch for	62
all four years of high school;	63
(c) Commit to completing the four-year teaching obligation	64
within not more than six years after graduating from the teacher	65
training program.	66
(2) Scholarships shall be awarded to qualifying employees	67
under division (B)(2) of this section who commit to completing	68
the four-year teaching obligation within not more than six years	69
after graduating from the teacher training program.	70
(E) The chancellor shall require that all applicants to	71
the grow your own teacher program file a statement of service	72
status in compliance with section 3345.32 of the Revised Code,	73
if applicable, and that all applicants have not been convicted	74

of, plead guilty to, or adjudicated a delinquent child for any	75
violation listed in section 3333.38 of the Revised Code.	76
(F) Recipients shall complete the four-year teaching	77
commitment within not more than six years after graduating from	78
the teacher training program. Failure to fulfill the commitment	79
shall convert the scholarship into a loan to be repaid under	80
section 3333.394 of the Revised Code.	81
Sec. 3333.394. (A) Each recipient who accepts a	82
scholarship under the grow your own teacher program under	83
section 3333.393 of the Revised Code, or the recipient's parent	84
if the recipient is younger than eighteen years of age, shall	85
sign a promissory note payable to the state in the event the	86
recipient does not satisfy the service requirement under	87
division (F) of section 3333.393 of the Revised Code or the	88
scholarship is terminated. The amount payable under the note	89
shall be the amount of total scholarships accepted by the	90
recipient under the program plus ten per cent interest accrued	91
annually beginning on the first day of September after	92
graduating from the teacher training program or immediately	93
after termination of the scholarship. The period of repayment	94
under the note shall be determined by the chancellor of higher	95
education. The note shall stipulate that the obligation to make	96
payments under the note is canceled following completion of four	97
years of qualified service by the recipient in accordance with	98
division (F) of section 3333.393 of the Revised Code, or if the	99
recipient dies, becomes totally and permanently disabled, or is	100
unable to complete the required qualified service as a result of	101
a reduction in force at the recipient's school of employment	102
before the obligation under the note has been satisfied.	103
(B) Repayment of the principal amount of the scholarship	104

and interest accrued shall be deferred while the recipient is	105
enrolled in an approved teaching program, while the recipient is	106
seeking employment to fulfill the service obligation, for a	107
period not to exceed six months, or while the recipient is	108
<pre>engaged in qualified service.</pre>	109
(C) During the six-year period following the recipient's	110
graduation from an approved teaching program, the chancellor	111
shall deduct twenty-five per cent of the outstanding balance	112
that may be converted to a loan for each year the recipient	113
teaches at a qualifying school.	114
(D) The department and the chancellor may terminate the	115
scholarship, in which case the scholarship shall be converted to	116
a loan to be repaid under division (A) of this section.	117
(E) The scholarship shall be deemed terminated upon the	118
recipient's withdrawal from school or the recipient's failure to	119
meet the standards of the scholarship as determined by the	120
department and the chancellor and shall be converted to a loan	121
to be repaid under division (A) of this section.	122
(F) The chancellor and the attorney general shall collect	123
payments on the converted loan in accordance with section 131.02	124
of the Revised Code.	125
Section 2. All items in this act are hereby appropriated	126
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the	127
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations	128
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year	129
2022 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2023.	130
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to	131
any other operating appropriations made for the FY 2022-FY 2023	132
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	Section 3.						134	
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A			BOR DEPAI	RTMENT OF HI	GHER EDUCATION			
В	Gener	al Reven	ue Fund					
С	GRF	235592	Grow Your O	wn Teacher	\$25,000,0	000	\$25,000,000	
D	TOTAL	GRF Gen	eral Revenue	Fund	\$25,000,0	000	\$25,000,000	
E	TOTAL	ALL BUD	GET FUND GROU	JPS	\$25,000,0	000	\$25,000,000	
	GROW	YOUR OWN	I TEACHER PRO	GRAM				136
The foregoing appropriation item 235592, Grow Your Own						137		
Teacher Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher						138		
Education to implement and administer the Grow Your Own Teacher						139		
Program pursuant to sections 3333.393 and 3333.394 of the						140		
Revised Code.					141			
	Secti	on 4. Wi	thin the lim	its set fort	h in this act,	the		142
Dire	ctor o	f Budget	and Manageme	ent shall est	ablish account	S		143
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation					on	144		
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in							145	
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures							146	
from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be						147		
accounted for as though made in the main operating						148		
appropriations act of the 134th General Assembly. The operating						149		
appropriations made in this act are subject to all provisions of					150			

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the main operating appropriations act of the 134th General	151		
Assembly that are generally applicable to such appropriations.	152		