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A BILL

To enact sections 3333.393 and 3333.394 of the 1
Revised Code to establish the Grow Your Own 2
Teacher Program and to make an appropriation. 3

BE IT 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, guardian, 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
conditions: 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
engaged in qualified service. 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 DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	235592	Grow Your Own Teacher Program	\$25,000,000 \$25,000,000	
D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			\$25,000,000 \$25,000,000	
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$25,000,000 \$25,000,000	
	GROW YOUR OWN TEACHER PROGRAM				136

The foregoing appropriation item 235592, Grow Your Own
Teacher Program, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher
Education to implement and administer the Grow Your Own Teacher
Program pursuant to sections 3333.393 and 3333.394 of the
Revised Code.

Section 4. Within the limits set forth in this act, the
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation
made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in
which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures
from operating appropriations contained in this act shall be
accounted for as though made in the main operating
appropriations act of the 134th General Assembly. The operating
appropriations made in this act are subject to all provisions of

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