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**BORCD36 Rule adoption procedures for state institutions of higher education**

**R.C. 111.15, 3345.033, Section 701.20**

Exempts a state institution of higher education from complying with the rule adoption procedures in the Administrative Procedure Act when adopting administrative rules unless the institution is specifically required to follow either procedure (continuing law exempts these rules from review by JCARR and requires the institution to publish the rule on the institution's web site).

Requires the LSC Director to remove rules adopted by a state institution and posted on its website before the provision's effective date.

**Fiscal effect: Minimal.**

**BORCD50 Ohio Computer Science Council**

**R.C. 3322.01, 3322.02-3322.07**

Establishes the Ohio Computer Science Council to foster and encourage increased participation in computer science education across all counties through afterschool programs, summer camps, and other educational enrichment partnerships.

Requires the Council to consist of 11 voting members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and two nonvoting members of the House and Senate, appointed by the Speaker of the House and Senate President respectively. Requires the Council to meet at least once per calendar year.

Requires the Council to (1) survey the computer science educational resources and needs of the state; (2) develop and fund a grant program to support afterschool, summer, and other computer science-related enrichment programs; and (3) create and maintain records of the funds distributed by the Council to the programs.

Authorizes the Council to establish advisory committees and adopt rules.

Authorizes the Council to receive and administer any federal funds granted to the state that are compatible with the Council's mission and to accept and administer gifts, donations, or bequests for the encouragement and development of computer science education, afterschool programs, summer programs, or other related educational enrichment.

Establishes the Ohio Computer Science Council Gifts and Donations Fund to consist of gifts and donations made to the Council and fees paid for conferences offered by the Council, to support the Council's operating expenses and grant awards.

**Fiscal effect: Council members will not be compensated, but will be reimbursed for up to four meeting per year for any expenses incurred by member for conducting the Council's official business.**

**BORCD37 Office of ApplyOhio**

**R.C. 3333.033**

Establishes the office of ApplyOhio within ODHE to:

(1) Coordinate efforts to support Ohio residents in accessing a postsecondary education;

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- (2) Help increase the state's free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) completion rates;
- (3) Coordinate efforts to improve the postsecondary admissions process for Ohio residents;
- (4) Endeavor to coordinate statewide efforts to help Ohio residents with some college credit, but no degree reenroll in a postsecondary education;
- (5) Provide operational support for state institutions of higher education participating in programs and compacts to help Ohio residents with some college credit, but no degree;
- (6) Coordinate efforts to assist military service members and veterans seeking a postsecondary education in the state; and
- (7) Perform other duties assigned by the Chancellor.

**Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$3.0 million in FY 2024 and \$3.3 million in FY 2025 from GRF ALI 235416, ApplyOhio Program, to support the office and its responsibilities (see BORCD59).**

**BORCD38 "Director" to "Chancellor" of Higher Education name correction**

R.C. 3333.041

Replaces references to the "Director" with "Chancellor" of Higher Education.

**Fiscal effect: None. Conforms to convention in other parts of law.**

**BORCD25 Literacy teacher preparation programs**

R.C. 3333.048

Requires metrics and educator preparation programs to ensure that all educators complete coursework in evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction.

**Fiscal effect: Under continuing law, ODHE and ODE are required to establish metrics and educator preparation programs, and align them with any new requirements, to prepare educators and other school personnel and the higher education institutions that are engaged in their preparation. The bill provides funding for literacy professional development and training for educators in two ALIs. It appropriates \$115.8 million in FY 2024 and \$58.3 million in FY 2025 from GRF ALI 200566, Literacy Improvement (see EDUCD13) and \$1.0 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235427, Adult Literacy Initiatives (see BORCD67).**

**BORCD32 Public service career preparation programs at universities and colleges**

R.C. 3333.0419

Requires each public and private, nonprofit university and college to develop a program and curriculum to prepare students interested in public service careers.

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Requires the curriculum to provide knowledge-based civic instruction to help high school and undergraduate students to learn about local and state governments. Requires the program to include at least the following courses: (1) public service leadership; (2) careers and communication; (3) experiential learning; and (4) pre apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities with local and state agencies.

Permits any high school student enrolled in a public or chartered nonpublic school to participate in the program.

Requires the Chancellor to adopt rules governing the operation of the program, including a procedure under which courses established by the program may be used to earn both high school and college credit under the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program.

Requires the Chancellor and Superintendent to use CCP to make the model program available to as many students as possible.

**Fiscal effect: A state institution of higher education may incur administrative costs to establish a program and curriculum required under the bill, if it already has not done so. ODHE's administrative costs will increase to develop rules and create the model program.**

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**BORCD27 Repeal of the Ohio Instructional Grant Program**

R.C. 3333.12, (Repealed)

Eliminates the Ohio Instructional Grant (OIG) Program.

**Fiscal effect: None. The OIG Program was replaced by the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) Program as the state's main need-based aid program in 2010.**

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**BORCD35 Ohio College Opportunity Grant Program**

R.C. 3333.122

Limits eligibility for an Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) award, beginning with students who first enroll in the 2023-2024 academic year, to students enrolled at a state university main campus, a private nonprofit university or college, or a private for-profit career college.

Increases, from an expected family contribution (EFC) of \$2,190 or less to \$10,000 or less, the income eligibility threshold for an OCOG award, beginning with students who first enroll in the 2023-2024 academic year and each academic year thereafter.

Clarifies, for students who first enroll prior to the 2023-2024 academic, that both the EFC eligibility criteria of \$2,190 or less and the method for calculating OCOG awards remains as under current law.

Permits the use of a measure of student financial need established under federal law other than EFC to determine student eligibility.

Replaces the prohibition against an OCOG award exceeding the state cost of attendance with one that prohibits it from exceeding an individual student's cost of attendance, subject to exceptions established under continuing law.

Requires an OCOG award for a student who first enrolls in the 2023-2024 academic year annually to be: (1) \$4,000 per student at a state university main campus; (2) \$5,000 per student at a private nonprofit college or university; and (3) \$1,600 per student at a private for-profit career college.

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Requires an OCOG award amount for a student who first enrolls in the 2024-2025 academic year or any academic year thereafter annually to be: (1) \$6,000 per student at a state university main campus; (2) \$6,000 per student at a private nonprofit college or university; and (3) \$1,600 per student at a private for-profit career college.

Prohibits an eligible institution enrolling students who receive OCOG awards from changing its scholarship or financial aid programs with the goal or net effect of shifting the cost burden of those programs to OCOG.

Requires each university, college, or career college that enrolls students who receive OCOG awards to provide at least the same level of needs-based financial aid to its students as it provided in the prior academic year on either an aggregate or per student basis. Permits the Chancellor, in response to exceptional circumstances, to grant a temporary waiver from this requirement.

**Fiscal effect: Students who enroll for the first time in the 2023-2024 academic year or thereafter at a community college or university regional campus will no longer be able to receive an OCOG award. However, these students generally do not receive OCOG currently under the program's "Pell-first" policy (The executive budget proposes need-based awards for these students under GRF ALI 235425, Ohio College Access Grant, in the next biennium (see BORCD66).). Increasing the EFC eligibility threshold will likely increase the number of students receiving an OCOG award. Students may also be able to use their awards for a broader mix of uses than only instructional and general fees under the current prohibition against an OCOG award exceeding the "state cost of attendance." The bill appropriates \$216.2 million in FY 2024 and \$346.1 million in FY 2025 from GRF ALI 235563, Ohio College Opportunity Grant, to fund the grants (see BORCD73).**

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**BORCD34 Second Chance Grant Program**

R.C. 3333.127

Increases, from \$2,000 to \$3,000, the maximum grant amount awarded under the Second Chance Grant Program.

Increases, from one-time to each academic year until the student completes a degree, the frequency with which the Chancellor may award a grant, if the Chancellor, in consultation with the qualifying institution, determines that subsequent awards beyond the first are an essential element of student success and degree completion.

Expands eligibility for the program to students who enroll in a qualifying institution within 10, rather than five, years of disenrollment.

Designates eight months as the minimum period a student must be disenrolled to be eligible for an award under the program for institutions that do not operate on a semester calendar.

**Fiscal effect: Expanding the disenrollment period and increasing the award amounts, as well as the frequency of receiving those awards, may incentivize more individuals to participate in the program. The bill appropriates \$2.0 million in each fiscal year from Fund 5YD0 ALI 235494, Second Chance Grant Program, to fund the grants (see BORCD89). The appropriations are supported through a cash transfer of up to \$4.0 million from the GRF to Fund 5YD0 in FY 2024 (see OBMCD37).**

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**BORCD44 Mentorship Scholarship Program****R.C. 3333.129**

Requires the Chancellor to establish and administer the Mentorship Scholarship Program (MSP), under which approved community-based organizations (CBOs) establish mentorship programs.

Permits participating mentees to qualify for scholarships for use at any of the following "qualifying institutions": (1) a state institution of higher education; (2) a private, nonprofit college or university; (3) DeVry University; or (4) an Ohio Technical Center (OTC).

Requires the Chancellor to select at least five tax-exempt, charitable organizations to act as CBOs under MSP and to ensure that those organizations operate in each of five-designated regions of the state.

Requires the Chancellor to monitor each CBO's compliance with its MSP responsibilities and, at the Chancellor's discretion, remove a noncompliant organization.

Requires each CBO to (1) assist the Chancellor in administering MSP in the CBO's region of the state, (2) establish partnerships with local stakeholders to increase MSP's capacity to provide mentoring and supports in any county in the CBO's region, (3) operate an MSP mentorship program, and (4) recruit individuals to serve as mentors and mentees in the programs.

Requires a CBO operating an MSP to perform a number of prescribed duties, including (1) requiring individuals to apply to be a mentee or mentor in a manner determined by the Chancellor, in consultation with CBOs, (2) providing specified mentoring and supports to mentees, and (3) approving mentors subject to completion of specified training and results of criminal records checks.

Requires the Chancellor, upon application by a current or former MSP mentee, to award a first-time \$2,500 scholarship to that applicant if the applicant is an Ohio resident who has:

- (1) Obtained a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence;
- (2) Participated in an MSP mentoring program for at least one year;
- (3) Completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and
- (4) Enrolled at a "qualifying institution" for at least six credit hours in a semester, or the equivalent number of credit hours in a quarter or clock hours in a program for which credit is not awarded.

Permits a scholarship recipient to annually receive the \$2,500 scholarship if the recipient continues to meet the requirements of the program, but prohibits a recipient from receiving the scholarship for more years than the recipient participated in the mentorship program in high school. Prohibits all recipients from receiving a scholarship beyond four academic years.

Requires the Chancellor to pay a scholarship to the recipient's "qualifying institution" and requires the institution to apply those funds to the recipient's cost of attendance, or general and instructional fees if there is no published cost of attendance, after all of the recipient's other financial aid has been exhausted.

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Permits the Chancellor to delegate all or part of the Chancellor's responsibilities regarding scholarships, and transfer funds for those purposes, to the CBOs.

Establishes the Mentor Scholarship Fund to consist of funds from the General Assembly, the federal government, and other sources and refunds of MSP payments originally disbursed by the Chancellor.

**Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$2.5 million in FY 2024 and \$11.0 million in FY 2025 from GRF ALI 235410, Mentorship Scholarship Program, to fund the program (see BORCD52).**

**BORCD28 Eliminate college credit transfer study requirement**

R.C. 3333.16

Eliminates an obsolete requirement that the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network Oversight Board issue a report to the General Assembly by March 2, 2022, regarding college credit transfer rules for state institutions of higher education.

**Fiscal effect: None.**

**BORCD26 Statewide plan on college credit for career-tech courses**

R.C. 3333.167, (Repealed)

Eliminates a requirement for the Chancellor, in consultation with the Superintendent, to develop and, if appropriate, implement a statewide plan permitting high school students to receive college credit for approved career-technical courses in a manner comparable to the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program.

**Fiscal effect: None. ODHE and ODE submitted a report in July 2020 by the Career-Technical Credit Transcript Workgroup, which concluded that a recommendation for a transcription model comparable to CCP was not viable at that time.**

**BORCD30 War Orphans Scholarship and veterans' tuition waiver eligibility**

R.C. 3333.26, 5910.01

Disqualifies World War I veterans from receiving a tuition waiver from any state-supported school, college, or university. Instead, qualifies World War II veterans for such a waiver.

Disqualifies children of World War I veterans from receiving a War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship.

**Fiscal effect: None. Appears to update outdated eligibility criteria for tuition waivers and scholarships under the War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship program, respectively. It is unlikely that World War I veterans, their children, or World War II veterans will be attending a state institution of higher education to take advantage of these programs.**

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**BORCD33 Direct Admissions Pilot Program**

R.C. 3333.302

Requires the Chancellor, in consultation with the Superintendent, to establish the Direct Admissions Pilot Program to notify high school seniors if they meet the admissions requirements of participating postsecondary education institutions.

Requires the Chancellor to endeavor to implement the program so that students graduating in the 2024-2025 school year may participate.

Requires the Chancellor, as part of the program, to do all of the following:

- (1) Establish an automated process that uses a student’s academic record in existing student information systems and information held by a student’s high school to determine whether the student meets the admissions requirements;
- (2) Establish an application process for public and chartered nonpublic schools and postsecondary institutions and approve applicants that meet any eligibility requirements established by the Chancellor; and
- (3) Issue a report, at least once each school year, about the pilot program, and submit it to the General Assembly and the Governor.

Permits a participating school governing body to adopt a written policy authorizing its high schools to participate in the pilot program.

Requires a participating school governing body to:

- (1) Submit a copy of its policy to the Chancellor and Superintendent within 90 days of adopting it; and
- (2) Develop a procedure to determine if students who wish to participate in the pilot program meet any eligibility requirements established by the Chancellor.

Prohibits requiring any student, school, or institution to participate in the pilot program.

Authorizes the Chancellor to terminate the pilot program if its operation is determined impracticable.

**Fiscal effect: The program is voluntary for secondary and postsecondary institutions. ODHE's administrative costs will increase to develop and implement the pilot program. However, ODHE may terminate it if its operation is determined impracticable.**

**BORCD29 Repeal of OhioCorps Pilot Program**

R.C. 3333.80, 3333.801, 3333.802 (All repealed)

Eliminates the obsolete OhioCorps Pilot Program.

**Fiscal effect: None. OhioCorps provided eligible at-risk students living in Ohio with guidance to a pathway to higher education through mentorship programs operated by public universities and community colleges. Per H.B. 110 of the 134th GA, OhioCorps was prohibited from adding new students after the 2020-2021 academic year and ceased to exist at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 academic year.**

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**Executive****BORCD47 Office of Computer Science Education****R.C. 3333.96**

Establishes the Office of Computer Science Education (CSE Office), under ODHE, to serve as the center for all computer science education-related matters for the state and to focus on issues including expanding access to schools, providing computer science expertise, assisting with current and future programming, and any other functions as determined by the Chancellor.

Requires the CSE Office to do all of the following:

- (1) Work with, and assist, higher education institutions to integrate computer science standards and curriculum into a preservice teacher program to prepare students to teach computer science;
- (2) Consult with various stakeholders to create a plan for teaching computer science to provide individualized support to schools in creating computer science courses, which must consider project- and work-based learning, course sequencing, computer science teaching basics, and other topics determined by the Chancellor; and
- (3) Consult with ODE on computer science education-related matters.

**Fiscal effect: According to ODHE, they expect to hire three to five staff, including a director, in the next biennium to support the CSE Office's operations.**

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**BORCD49 Teach CS grant program****R.C. 3333.97**

Requires the Office of Computer Science Education to administer the proposed "Teach CS" grant program to fund coursework, materials, and exams for (1) existing teachers who qualify to teach computer science through supplemental licenses, endorsements, and continuing education and (2) individuals who complete the alternative resident educator license. Authorizes the Office to consult with ODE to implement the program.

**Fiscal effect: The cost of this program will depend on the grant amounts and the number of recipients as determined by the Office of Computer Science Education.**

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**BORCD31 College transcript withholding****R.C. 3345.027**

Requires the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education to formally consider and adopt a resolution determining whether to end the practice of transcript withholding by December 1, 2023, and submit that resolution to the Chancellor.

Requires each board, in adopting its resolution, to consider and evaluate all of the following:

- (1) The extent to which ending the practice will promote the state's postsecondary education attainment and workforce goals;
- (2) The collection rate on overdue balances resulting from the historical practice of transcript withholding, as documented by the AGO;



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(3) The extent to which ending the practice will help students who disenroll from the state institution complete an education at the same state institution, or another one.

Requires each board to provide a summary of its evaluation of the above-specified factors in its resolution, if the board resolves to maintain its transcript withholding process.

Requires the Chancellor, by January 1, 2024, to submit each resolution to the General Assembly and the Governor.

**Fiscal effect: Minimal increase in administrative workload for state institutions and ODHE.**

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**BORCD1 Sea Grants**

**Section: 381.20**

Requires that GRF ALI 235402, Sea Grants, be used by The Ohio State University's Sea Grant program, including Stone Laboratory, to match federal dollars and to enhance Lake Erie and Ohio's coastal resources.

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**BORCD2 Articulation and Transfer**

**Section: 381.30**

Requires that GRF ALI 235406, Articulation and Transfer, be used to maintain and expand the work of the Articulation and Transfer Network Advisory Council to develop a system of transfer policies that ensure that course work will apply to majors and degrees at any state institution.

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**BORCD3 Midwest Higher Education Compact**

**Section: 381.40**

Requires that GRF ALI 235408, Midwest Higher Education Compact, be used to pay membership fees to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

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**BORCD52 Mentorship Scholarship Program**

**Section: 381.50**

Requires that GRF ALI 235410, Mentorship Scholarship Program, be used to administer the Mentorship Scholarship Program (see BORCD44).

Reappropriates, with OBM Director approval, an amount requested by ODHE, up to the available balance of GRF ALI 235410, Mentorship Scholarship Program, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

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**Executive****BORCD56 Teacher Apprenticeship Program****Section: 381.60**

Requires that GRF ALI 235411, Teacher Apprenticeship Program, be used, in consultation with the Superintendent, to develop and implement the Teacher Apprenticeship Program.

Requires the Chancellor to establish up to five teacher apprenticeship programs for different teaching licenses.

Permits funds from this line item to be used, at the discretion of the Chancellor, to pay for the following: (1) program development, (2) program participant support, including payment of tuition, fees, and apprentice salary, (3) stipends for supervising teachers, (4) administrative and technology support, and (5) any other expenses necessary to operate the program.

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**BORCD57 Textbook Affordability****Section: 381.70**

Requires that GRF ALI 235412, Textbook Affordability, be used to promote the adoption of open educational resources (OER) and other innovative low- or no-cost teaching materials at Ohio's public institutions of higher education.

Requires the Chancellor, when disbursing funds for OER creation, to consider at least the following factors:

- (1) The volume of students enrolled in specific courses, with a focus on converting teaching materials in high enrollment, general education courses included in Ohio Transfer 36 as a first priority to broaden the scope of impact;
- (2) The likely rate of faculty adoption of OER and other materials and the level of institutional support for them; and
- (3) The extent to which these resources may be made available to institutions for utilization.

Requires the Chancellor and faculty, in consultation with OhioLINK, to create the Ohio Educational Resources Database consisting of OERs that have been identified as meeting the learning objectives for Ohio Transfer 36 and Transfer Assurance Guides courses and to do at least the following:

- (1) Survey all public institutions of higher education for OER currently used in these courses;
- (2) Identify faculty to review materials available in OpenStax, OER Commons, and other repositories of open educational resources; and
- (3) Establish processes and procedures to maintain regular review and updating of materials to keep the database current.

Requires all public institutions of higher education, at the Chancellor's direction, to pursue collaborative efforts focused on the goal of achieving wider acceptance and adoption of OERs.

Requires materials to be accessible to all people in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Requires the Chancellor and ODE to promote opportunities to increase the use of OERs in College Credit Plus courses to reduce school districts' instructional materials costs.

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**Executive****BORCD58 Computer Science****Section: 381.80**

Requires that GRF ALI 235413, Computer Science, be used by the Chancellor to increase enrollment in computer science courses for students in grades 7-12 (see EDUCD74).

Requires, in FY 2024, that the line item be used by the Chancellor, in collaboration with the Office of Computer Science Education (CSE Office) and ODE, for early implementation of the Ohio Computer Science Promise Program. Requires the collaboration to make reasonable efforts to provide eligible students with access to computer science course in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Authorizes the FY 2024 appropriation to be used to (1) approve computer science course providers that any resident grade 7-12 student may, at no cost to the student, enroll in and receive credit; (2) reimburse school districts, other public schools, and nonpublic schools for costs associated with student enrolled in computer science courses taken under College Credit Plus (CCP); (3) create and implement procedures to review and approve provider applications and district or school reimbursement requests; and (4) establish any other procedures and requirements necessary to carry out early implementation of the program.

Authorizes all public secondary schools to participate in the program in FY 2024. Requires public and nonpublic secondary schools that choose to participate in the program to grant high school credit to the student.

Requires, in FY 2025, that the line item to be used to carry out the program prescribed in permanent law.

Reappropriates, with OBM Director approval, an amount requested by ODHE, up to the available balance of GRF ALI 235413, Computer Science, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

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**BORCD4 Grants and Scholarship Administration****Section: 381.90**

Requires that GRF ALI 235414, Grants and Scholarship Administration, be used to administer various state and federal student financial aid and scholarship programs, support all financial aid audits, and provide fiscal services for the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program.

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**Executive****BORCD59 ApplyOhio Program****Section: 381.100**

Requires that GRF ALI 235416, ApplyOhio Program, be used to support the office of ApplyOhio (see BORCD37).

Permits a portion of the funds in each fiscal year to be used by the office of ApplyOhio to support a statewide public awareness and media campaign to reach students without a high school diploma.

Requires the Chancellor to determine the appropriate methods of communication for the Aspire program.

Permits a portion of the funds in each fiscal year to be used to establish and operate the office of ApplyOhio, including, but not limited to, statewide efforts to support students with some college but no degree.

Reappropriates the available balance of GRF ALI 235416, ApplyOhio Program, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

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**BORCD5 Technology Maintenance and Operations****Section: 381.110**

Requires that GRF ALI 235417, Technology Maintenance and Operations, be used to support the development and implementation of information technology solutions designed to improve ODHE's performance and capacity. Authorizes the Ohio Technology Consortium (OH-TECH) to provide information technology solutions.

Makes the following earmarks from ALI 235417:

- (1) A portion in each fiscal year to support the eStudent Services consortium. Requires eStudent Services to use these funds to expand access to dual enrollment opportunities for high school students, continue the support of the statewide eTutoring program, and for any other ODHE strategic priorities.
  - (2) A portion in each fiscal year to implement a high priority data warehouse, advanced analytics, and visualization integration services associated with the Higher Education Information (HEI) system. Authorizes OH-TECH to facilitate services.
  - (3) \$150,000 in each fiscal year to support Ohio Reach to provide mentoring and support services to former foster youth attending college.
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**BORCD60 Access Challenge****Section: 381.120**

Requires that GRF ALI 235418, Access Challenge, be distributed to eligible state institutions of higher education to incentivize enrollment of underrepresented students, support the critical services provided to these students, and address barriers that may otherwise interrupt college completion.

Requires that services and interventions promote the academic success, completion, and overall well-being of students, and may include such activities as advising, counseling, success coaching, bridge programs, and other evidence-based wrap-around student supports and services.

Requires at least 55% of the appropriation in each fiscal year be allocated to community colleges.

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Requires the Chancellor, in allocating these funds, to consider each eligible institution's share of underrepresented students, with a focus on campuses that have a predominantly access mission, and any other factors determined by the Chancellor.

Specifies that "underrepresented students" may include any of the following access or at-risk categories used in the SSI formula: academic under-preparation, age, minority status, financial status, or first generation postsecondary status based on neither parent completing any education beyond high school.

**BORCD61 Mental Health Support****Section: 381.130**

Requires that GRF ALI 235419, Mental Health Support, be used to provide resources and support to address behavioral health needs at public and private, nonprofit universities and colleges.

Requires the Chancellor to use the funds to prioritize behavioral health services, including, but not limited to, expansion of telehealth options, increased awareness of telephone and text message care line services, expansion of certified peer educator programs, and direct aid to students who are unable to afford care.

Requires the Chancellor, in allocating funds under this ALI, to consider at least the following factors:

- (1) The relative severity of needs expressed and associated risks involved;
- (2) The extent to which funds awarded will increase campus-wide knowledge and awareness of available care options;
- (3) The extent to which funds awarded will increase access to, and availability of, care options;
- (4) The extent to which funds awarded will remove barriers to care options; and
- (5) The extent to which funds awarded will be leveraged to create long-term sustainability on campus and support collaborative, community-based programs and initiatives that can be sustained with community resources.

Permits the Chancellor to consult with the OhioMHAS, RecoveryOhio, local and regional behavioral health providers, and other stakeholders as determined by the Chancellor to be appropriate when allocating funds under this ALI.

Prohibits an institution receiving funds under this ALI from either:

- (1) Changing their mental health support services to shift the cost of those programs onto this one; or
- (2) Reducing their mental health support services below what they provided in the most recent academic year.

**BORCD63 IT Security Enhancements****Section: 381.140**

Requires that GRF ALI 235421, IT Security Enhancements, be used by the Chancellor, in consultation with OH-TECH, to enhance security operations and services.

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Requires that enhanced security operations and services benefit all members of OH-TECH and may include but not be limited to:

- (1) Establishing an enterprise security operations center;
- (2) Configuration management in the area of data loss prevention;
- (3) Endpoint patch and compliance;
- (4) Log aggregation;
- (5) Web application firewall;
- (6) Vulnerability management across the consortium; and
- (7) Other critical security enhancement services as determined appropriate by the Chancellor.

Permits the Ohio Academic Resource Network (OARnet) and the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC) to use a portion of these funds to enhance their respective network security operations to better serve clients who store sensitive data that is subject to the highest data privacy standards imposed by federal regulations and national research organizations, including, but not limited to, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense.

**BORCD65 WorkFORCE Ohio**

**Section: 381.150**

Requires that GRF ALI 235422, WorkFORCE Ohio, be used to address critical education and training needs to support continued economic development across the state through a dynamically skilled, productive, and purposeful workforce.

Requires the Chancellor, prior to the allocation of these funds to do all of the following:

- (1) Conduct an asset mapping analysis of current programs at Ohio's institutions of higher education and OTCs, including availability and capacity, that align with the workforce needs of this state over the next decade;
- (2) Analyze such findings by region and industry; and
- (3) Produce recommendations for how to increase opportunities for Ohioans to pursue certificates, credentials, and degrees that will lead to critically needed high-demand jobs.

Permits the Chancellor, in allocating these funds to consult with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, ODE, ODJFS, and other stakeholders as determined by the Chancellor to be appropriate.

Reappropriates the available balance of GRF ALI 235422, WorkFORCE Ohio, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

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**BORCD66 Ohio College Access Grant**

**Section: 381.160**

Requires that GRF ALI 235425, Ohio College Access Grant, be used to award need-based financial aid to eligible students who are enrolled in a community college or university regional campus.

**BORCD67 Adult Literacy Initiatives**

**Section: 381.170**

Requires that GRF ALI 235427, Adult Literacy Initiatives, be used to implement strategies designed to increase literacy among Ohio's adult population.

Requires a portion of the funding in each fiscal year be used for evidence-based literacy professional development and training opportunities for faculty at public or private, nonprofit institutions, with priority for those that teach reading instruction. Requires the Chancellor to determine a method for allocating funds consistent with the goal of encouraging faculty to increase their knowledge, awareness, and adoption of evidence-based literacy approaches, including the science of reading.

Requires a portion of the funding in each fiscal year be used to support all of the following:

- (1) Literacy instruction for students not eligible for Aspire services due to National Reporting System assessment standards, as determined by the Chancellor;
- (2) Instructional services for adult English language learners; and
- (3) Evidence-based and high-quality professional development initiatives for Aspire instructors that support all levels of adult learners to create an impact of literacy instruction being delivered across the state of Ohio by all instructors to all levels of learners.

Requires the Chancellor, not later than March 31, 2024, to do all of the following:

- (1) Review all educator preparation programs at public and private, nonprofit colleges and universities and develop a summary of the curriculum used at those institutions to provide training in the pedagogy of literacy, including the extent to which the curriculum is aligned with the science of reading;
- (2) Analyze curriculum used in Aspire programming for alignment with best practices for literacy education; and
- (3) Analyze, in consultation with ODJFS, Aspire programs available in Ohio, with emphasis on communities with the highest unemployment and underemployment rates and lowest rates of high school completion.

Requires the Chancellor and ODJFS Director, upon completion of the Aspire availability analysis, to do all of the following:

- (1) Assess and develop recommended best practices on how ODJFS connects those on unemployment, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and other public benefits programs, as appropriate, to Aspire program options; and
- (2) Develop strategies to implement these best practices and consider mechanisms of accountability to encourage those enrolled in public benefits programs to complete Aspire programming.

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Reappropriates, with OBM Director approval, an amount requested by ODHE, up to the available balance of GRF ALI 235427, Adult Literacy Initiatives, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

**BORCD6 Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership**

**Section: 381.180**

Earmarks \$500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235428, Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership, to be allocated to the Mahoning Valley Innovation and Commercialization Center.

Requires the remainder of the ALI be distributed to Ohio University to continue an effort to link Appalachia to the new economy. Requires Ohio University to use the funds to lead in the development and implementation of initiatives in the areas of entrepreneurship, management, education, and technology.

**BORCD7 Choose Ohio First Scholarship**

**Section: 381.190**

Requires that GRF ALI 235438, Choose Ohio First Scholarship, be used to operate the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235438, from the GRF to the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PV0).

**BORCD8 Aspire**

**Section: 381.200**

Requires that GRF ALI 235443, Aspire, be used to support the Aspire program, which supports adult basic and literacy education instructional programs. Requires that supported programs satisfy the state match and maintenance of effort requirements for the state-administered grant program.

**BORCD9 Ohio Technical Centers**

**Section: 381.210**

Requires that GRF ALI 235444, Ohio Technical Centers, be used to support post- secondary adult career-technical education and makes the following earmarks:

- (1) up to 2.38% in each fiscal year for the Ohio Central School System.
- (2) up to \$48,000 in each fiscal year for assistance for OTCs.
- (3) up to \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year for OTCs that provide customized training and business consultation with matching local dollars, with preference to industries on the existing in-demand jobs list or in regionally emerging fields or local business and industries. Sets \$25,000 as the minimum for each OTC and requires a maximum amount to be determined by the Chancellor.

Specifies that the remainder be distributed according to the OTC funding formula (see BORCD10).



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**BORCD10 Ohio Technical Centers funding formula****Section: 381.210**

Requires each OTC to report data to the Chancellor. Requires the Chancellor to provide coordination for OTCs through approval processes, data collection of program and student outcomes, and subsidy disbursements. Requires the Chancellor to exclude non-residents in the number of students eligible for state subsidy. Defines full-time equivalent (FTE) as completion of 450 hours. Requires the use of a three-year average in calculating the number of FTE students. Requires OTCs to operate with, or be an active candidate for, accreditation by an accreditor authorized by the U.S. Department of Education in order to continue to receive state subsidy.

Distributes the OTC formula allocation as follows:

- (1) 25% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who complete a post-secondary technical workforce training program with a grade of C or better or pass if graded as pass/fail.
- (2) 20% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who complete 50% of a program of study.
- (3) 50% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who find employment, enter military service, or enroll in additional post-secondary education and training.
- (4) 5% based on each OTC's proportion of FTEs who earn a credential from an industry recognized third party.

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**BORCD11 Area Health Education Centers****Section: 381.220**

Requires that GRF ALI 235474, Area Health Education Centers, be used by the Chancellor to support the medical school regional area health education centers' educational programs and the Area Health Education Center Program.

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**BORCD12 Campus Safety and Training****Section: 381.230**

Requires that GRF ALI 235492, Campus Safety and Training, be used by the Chancellor, in consultation with state and private nonprofit institutions of higher education, to continue to develop model best practices in line with emerging trends, research, and evidence-based training for preventing and responding to sexual violence on campus. Requires the Chancellor to convene higher education institutions in the training and implementation of best practices regarding campus sexual violence.

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**BORCD13 State Share of Instruction (SSI) formulas****Section: 381.240**

Requires the Chancellor to establish procedures to allocate GRF ALI 235501, State Share of Instruction, based on the SSI formulas that use the enrollment, course completion, degree attainment, and student achievement factors reported annually by each state institution participating in the Higher Education Information (HEI) system.

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**BORCD14 SSI-FTE enrollment and course completions**

**Section: 381.240**

Requires state institutions to report their actual data to the Chancellor. Requires the Chancellor to exclude all undergraduate students who are not Ohio residents or who do not meet the definition of residency for state subsidy and tuition surcharge purposes (except those under reciprocity agreements or employer contracts) in defining the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students for the formula.

**BORCD15 SSI-Total costs per FTE**

**Section: 381.240**

Provides, for purposes of calculating SSI allocations, a table of total costs per FTE for the 24 non-medical curriculum models for each fiscal year, ranging from \$9,887 to \$40,436 for arts and humanities curriculum models; from \$9,803 to \$33,268 for business, education, and social science curriculum models; from \$42,441 to \$49,004 for doctoral curriculum models; and from \$9,847 to \$55,350 for science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM) curriculum models.

**BORCD16 SSI-STEMM and graduate weights**

**Section: 381.240**

Provides a table of curriculum model weights for each fiscal year, including a uniform weight of 1.0000 for all undergraduate-level models in arts, humanities, business, education, and social sciences, 1.0000 for doctoral models, and various weights ranging from 1.0017 to 1.8798 for graduate-level and STEMM models.

**BORCD17 SSI-Degree attainment calculation for universities**

**Section: 381.240**

Reserves 50% of the amount earmarked for universities in each fiscal year from ALI 235501 to support associate, baccalaureate, masters, and professional level degree attainment. Requires that degree attainment funding be allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the total statewide degrees granted, weighted by the cost of the degree programs.

Requires, for degrees including credits earned at multiple institutions, that degree attainment funding be allocated to universities in proportion to each campus's share of the student-specific cost of earned credits for the degree. Requires that each institution receive its prorated share of degree funding for credits earned at that institution and that the cost of credits not earned at a university main or regional campus be credited to the degree-granting institution for the first degree earned by a student at each degree level. Requires that the cost credited to the degree-granting institution not be eligible for at-risk weights and limits the cost credited to 12.5% of the student-specific degree costs, unless the student transferred 12 or fewer credits into the degree granting institution.

Requires that the count for degree attainment include degrees earned by students identified as Ohio residents in any term, weighted by a factor of 1, and degrees earned by students identified as out-of-state students during all terms that remain in Ohio at least one year after graduation, weighted by a factor of 50%. Defines subsidy eligible associate degrees as those earned by students attending any state supported university main or regional campus.

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Requires, in calculating campus' degree counts, the Chancellor to use the three-year average associate, baccalaureate, master's, and professional degrees awarded for the most recent three-year period agreed to by the Inter-University Council (IUC) and the Chancellor. Limits, if a student is awarded an associate degree and later is awarded a baccalaureate degree, the amount funded for the baccalaureate degree to either (1) the difference in cost between the cost of the baccalaureate degree and the cost of the previous associate degree, or, (2) if the associate degree has a higher cost than the baccalaureate degree, the cost of the credits earned by the student after the associate degree was awarded. Specifies that in these instances the associate degree granting institution receive only the prorated share of the baccalaureate degree funding for the credits earned at that institution after the associate degree is awarded. Requires, if a student earns more than one degree at the same institution at the same degree level in the same fiscal year, that funding for the highest cost degree be prorated among institutions based on where the credits were earned and additional degrees be funded at 25% of the degree cost.

Requires that eligible associate and baccalaureate degrees counted in degree attainment be weighted by a statewide "at-risk" degree completion weight, calculated based on the at-risk factors of the individual student, determined by calculating the difference between the percentage of students with each risk factor who earned a degree and the percentage of non-at-risk students who earned a degree. Defines "at-risk" for a student based on academic under preparation, age, minority status, financial status, or first generation post-secondary status based on neither parent completing any education beyond high school.

**BORCD18 SSI-Doctoral set-aside calculation for universities****Section: 381.240**

Reserves up to 11.78% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for universities from ALI 235501 to support doctoral programs (referred to as the "doctoral set-aside").

Requires the doctoral set-aside be allocated to universities as follows:

- (1) 25% in each fiscal year in proportion to each campus' share of doctoral program course completions. Requires that course completion earnings be determined by multiplying the total curricular model amounts and graduate weights by the subsidy-eligible doctoral FTEs who successfully complete courses in graduate-level models for the most recent completed three-year period agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor.
- (2) 50% in each fiscal year in proportion to each campus' share of statewide doctoral degrees, weighted by the cost of the discipline. Requires, in counting campus' doctoral degrees, the Chancellor to use the three-year average doctoral degrees for the most recent completed three-year period that is agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor.
- (3) 25% in each fiscal year in proportion to each campus' share of research grant activity. Requires that grant awards from the Department of Health and Human Services be weighted at 50%.

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**Executive****BORCD19 SSI-Medical set-asides calculations for universities****Section: 381.240**

Reserves 6.41% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for universities from ALI 235501 to support Medical II FTEs (referred to as the "medical II set-aside"). Requires that these funds be allocated in proportion to each campus' share of the statewide total of three-year average Medical II FTEs. Specifies that, in calculating the core subsidy enrollments for Medical II models only, students repeating terms may be no more than 5% of current year enrollment

Reserves 1.48% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for universities from ALI 235501 to support Medical I FTEs (referred to as the "medical I set-aside"). Requires that these funds be allocated in proportion to each campus' share of the statewide total of three-year average Medical I FTEs.

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**BORCD20 SSI-Course completions calculation for universities****Section: 381.240**

Requires that, in calculating course completion funding for universities, the Chancellor only use FTEs who successfully complete a course.

Requires that successful course completion FTE students defined as "at-risk" based on academic under-preparation or financial status are to be weighted by (1) institution-specific course completion indexes calculated based on the number of at-risk students enrolled during the prior three calendar years, and (2) statewide at-risk course completion weights determined by the difference between the percentage of traditional students completing the course and the percentage of at-risk students completing the course.

Requires that, except for Medical I and Medical II models, all models have their course completion earnings determined by multiplying per FTE curriculum model costs by model weights and by the average number of subsidy-eligible FTEs for the most recent three-year period as agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor.

Requires that the course completion earnings be calculated by dividing the amount earmarked for universities in each fiscal year from ALI 235501, less the degree attainment funding, the doctoral set-aside, and the medical set-asides, by the sum of all universities' instructional costs.

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**BORCD21 SSI-Calculation for community colleges****Section: 381.240**

Reserves 50% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for community colleges from ALI 235501 for course completion FTEs as aggregated by the subsidy models. Specifies that the course completion funding be allocated to campuses in proportion to each campus's share of the total sector's course completions, weighted by the instructional cost of the subsidy models.

Requires that calculations of course completions for these colleges use the average course completions for the previous three years for students identified as Ohio residents and that the subsidy eligible enrollments by model be equal to only those FTEs who successfully complete the course.

Requires that students with successful course completions, that are defined as "access students" based on financial status, minority status, age, or academic under-preparation, have their eligible course completions weighted by a statewide access weight. Specifies the weight given to any student eligible as an "access student" be 15% for all course completions. Specifies that the model costs are to be weighted by the cost of the degree programs.

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Reserves 25% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for community colleges from ALI 235501 for allocation in proportion to each campus's share of college student success factors. Requires that student success factors be awarded at the institutional level for each subsidy-eligible student that successfully completes: (1) a college-level math course within the first 30 hours of completed coursework; (2) a college-level English course within the first 30 hours of completed coursework; (3) 12 semester credit hours of college-level coursework; (4) 24 semester credit hours of college-level coursework; (5) 36 semester credit hours of college-level coursework.

Reserves 25% of the amount earmarked in each fiscal year for community and technical colleges from ALI 235501 for completion milestones. Specifies that completion milestones include (1) baccalaureate degrees, (2) associate degrees, (3) technical certificates over 30 credit hours as designated by ODHE, and (4) students transferring to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours of college level coursework earned at that college. Requires that completion milestone funding be allocated in proportion to each campus's share of the sector's total completion milestones, weighted by the instructional costs of the degree, certificate, or transfer models. Specifies that costs for technical certificates over 30 hours be weighted at one-half of the associate degree model costs and transfers with at least 12 credit hours of college level coursework be weighted at one-fourth of the average cost for all associate degree model costs.

Requires that calculations of subsidy entitlements for completions at these colleges use a three-year average for completion milestones awarded to identified subsidy-eligible students in any term of their studies. Specifies that eligible model completions equal only those students who successfully complete a baccalaureate or associate degree, or technical certificate over 30 credit hours, or transfer to any four-year institution with at least 12 credit hours of college-level coursework.

Requires that students who are also defined as "access students" based on financial status, minority status, age, or academic under-preparation, have their eligible course completions weighted by a statewide access weight. Specifies the following statewide access weights: (1) 25% for students with one access factor; (2) 66% for two access factors; (3) 150% for three access factors; and, (4) 200% for four access factors.

Requires, for those students who complete more than one completion milestone, that funding for each additional degree or technical certificate over 30 credit hours as designated by ODHE be funded at 50% of model costs.

Requires the Chancellor to only include students who are subsidy-eligible and residents of Ohio in any term of their studies in the SSI calculation for community colleges. Also, prohibits the Chancellor from including nonresident students as subsidy-eligible, except for those students under reciprocity agreements or employer contracts.

**BORCD22 SSI-Capital component deduction****Section: 381.240**

Requires that, after all other adjustments have been made, a campus's SSI earnings be reduced by the amount, if any, by which debt service charged for that campus for capital budgets from the 126th G.A. and the 127th G.A. exceeds that campus's capital component earnings. Requires that the deducted amounts be transferred to GRF ALI 235552, Capital Component.

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**BORCD23 SSI-Exceptional circumstances and appropriation reductions****Section: 381.240**

Authorizes adjustments be made to the SSI payments and other subsidies distributed by the Chancellor for exceptional circumstances. Requires the recommendation of the Chancellor and approval of the Controlling Board for these adjustments.

Requires that the standard SSI formula provisions apply to any reductions made to ALI 235501 occurring prior to the Chancellor's formal approval of the SSI allocation. Requires that reductions made after the Chancellor's formal approval be applied uniformly to each campus in proportion to its share of the final SSI allocation.

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**BORCD24 SSI-Distribution****Section: 381.240**

Requires that the SSI allocation be distributed in equal monthly payments. Authorizes payments for the first six months of the fiscal year be made based on the SSI appropriation estimates made for the various institutions and that payments for the last six months of the fiscal year be based on the final data from the Chancellor. Requires, if agreed to by IUC and the Chancellor, monthly payments to universities be based on final data in the HEI system for an agreed upon three-year period.

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**BORCD39 SSI for fiscal years 2024 and 2025****Section: 381.250**

Makes the following earmarks to GRF ALI 235501, State Share of Instruction:

- (1) \$492,355,892 in FY 2024 and \$507,140,399 in FY 2025 for SSI distributions to community colleges.
- (2) \$1,643,678,352 in FY 2024 and \$1,693,034,872 in FY 2025 for SSI distributions to university main and regional campuses.

Permits any institution that receives additional SSI subsidy from ALI 235501 compared to the prior year to use the additional distribution to provide need-based aid and counseling, support services, and workforce preparation services to its students.

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**BORCD40 Transfer to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency****Section: 381.250**

Authorizes the OBM Director, upon request of the Chancellor, to transfer \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235501, State Share of Instruction, to OOD for the College2Careers Program, and appropriates the amounts transferred.

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**BORCD41 Restriction on fee increases****Section: 381.260**

Prohibits, for academic years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, each state university and regional campus from increasing its in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees over what the institution charged for the previous academic year.

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Authorizes, for the same academic years, each community college to increase its in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees by no more than \$5 per credit hour over what the college charged for the previous academic year.

Requires the Chancellor's approval for a state institution of higher education to increase all other special fees, including the creation of new special fees.

Exempts the following fees from the above limits: (1) student health insurance, (2) fees for auxiliary goods or services provided to students at the cost incurred to the institution, (3) fees assessed to students as a pass-through for licensure and certification examinations, (4) fees in elective courses associated with travel experiences, (5) elective service charges, (6) fines, and (7) voluntary sales transactions.

Specifies that limitations do not apply to increases required to comply with institutional covenants related to obligations or to meet unfunded legal mandates or commitments made prior to the effective date of the section. Specifies that any increases necessary to cover these covenants or other requirements be reported to the Controlling Board by the Chancellor. Authorizes the Chancellor, with Controlling Board approval, to modify any limitations to respond to exceptional circumstances.

Authorizes state universities offering undergraduate tuition guarantees to increase instructional and general fees under certain circumstances permitted under those programs.

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**Executive****BORCD42 Higher Education-Board of Trustees****Section: 381.270**

Authorizes colleges and universities, with the Chancellor's approval, to use instructional subsidies for off-campus undergraduate and master's degree courses of study.

Requires each board to supplement state subsidies by establishing uniform instructional and general fees to be charged to all students for universal services. Allows each board to establish special purpose fees and service charges for individual or specific categories of students that are not applied uniformly. Requires each board to establish a tuition surcharge to out-of-state students.

Prohibits each board from authorizing a waiver or nonpayment of instructional or general fees that is not authorized by law or approved by the Chancellor.

Authorizes each board to charge a lower differential tuition rate of instructional or general fees equal to the default rate options specified under the College Credit Plus Program (CCP) or equal to rates established under an agreed to alternative payment structure to nonpublic and home schooled students in CCP.

Authorizes each board to establish a lower differential tuition rate for in-state undergraduate instructional or general fees for students enrolled exclusively in online courses as long as a surcharge is still assessed. Authorizes the same for the surcharge charged to nonresidents enrolled exclusively in online courses.

Requires each institution of higher education, in its statement of charges, to separately identify the instructional fee, general fee, tuition charge, and tuition surcharge.

Requires each board ensure that faculty members devote a proper and judicious part of their work week to actual instruction of students.

Requires each board to exercise the authority of government vested by law in them. Specifies that administrative decisions are the exclusive prerogative of the boards and that any delegation of authority by the boards must be accompanied by appropriate standards of guidance and periodic review of the exercise of the delegated authority.

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**BORCD43 War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships****Section: 381.280**

Requires that GRF ALI 235504, War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships, be used to reimburse state institutions for waivers of instructional fees and general fees provided to eligible students, provide grants to private nonprofit institutions, and fund additional scholarships for children of persons declared prisoners of war or missing in action.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235504, from the GRF to the War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PW0).

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**Executive****BORCD45 State Share of Instruction Reconciliation****Section: 381.290**

Requires the Chancellor, by September 1 in each fiscal year, to certify to the OBM Director the amount necessary to pay any outstanding prior-year obligations to higher education institutions under the SSI formulas. Appropriates, up to the certified amounts transferred from the State Financial Aid Reconciliation Fund (Fund 5Y50) to the GRF, to GRF ALI 235505, State Share of Instruction Reconciliation.

**BORCD46 OhioLINK****Section: 381.300**

Requires that GRF ALI 235507, OhioLINK, be used to support OhioLINK, the state's electronic library information and retrieval system.

**BORCD48 Air Force Institute of Technology****Section: 381.310**

Earmarks \$75,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 235508, Air Force Institute of Technology, for the Aerospace Professional Development Center in Dayton for statewide workforce development services in the aerospace industry.

Requires that the remainder be used to strengthen educational linkages between Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Ohio institutions of higher education and to support the Defense Associated Graduate Student Innovators consortium.

**BORCD51 Ohio Supercomputer Center****Section: 381.320**

Requires that GRF ALI 235510, Ohio Supercomputer Center, be used to support the Ohio Supercomputer Center, located at The Ohio State University.

**BORCD53 The Ohio State University Extension Service****Section: 381.330**

Requires that GRF ALI 235511, The Ohio State University Extension Service, be disbursed to OSU in monthly payments.

**BORCD54 Central State Supplement****Section: 381.340**

Requires that GRF ALI 235514, Central State Supplement, be disbursed to CSU to increase enrollment, improve course completion, and increase the number of degrees conferred.

**BORCD55 Clinical teaching and other-medical related appropriations****Section: 381.350, 381.360, 381.380, 381.390, 381.430, 381.480, 381.510, 381.700**

Requires the following for the 12 GRF clinical teaching and medical related ALIs:

(1) 235515, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, be disbursed to Case Western in accordance with state agreements.

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(2) 235519, Family Practice, be distributed in each fiscal year, based on each medical school's share of residents placed in a family practice and graduates practicing in a family practice.

(3) 235525, Geriatric Medicine, be distributed consistent with existing criteria and guidelines.

(4) 235526, Primary Care Residencies, be distributed, in each fiscal year, based on each medical school's share of residents placed in a primary care field and graduates practicing in a primary care field.

(5) 235536, The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching, 235537, University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching, 235538, University of Toledo Clinical Teaching, 235539, Wright State University Clinical Teaching, 235540, Ohio University Clinical Teaching, and 235541, Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching, be distributed by the Chancellor.

Earmarks \$500,000 in each fiscal year from ALI 235537 for the People Working Cooperatively for the Safe and Healthy Home Initiative.

(6) 235558, Long-term Care Research, be disbursed to Miami University for long-term care research.

(7) 235572, The Ohio State University Clinic Support, be distributed to The Ohio State University for support of dental and veterinary medicine clinics.

Requires, for each fiscal year, each institution of higher education that receives funds from any one of the above-mentioned 12 specific clinical teaching or other-medical related ALIs to report the residency status of students that have graduated from one of the applicable programs at one year and five years after graduating.

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**BORCD62 Shawnee State Supplement****Section: 381.370**

Requires that GRF ALI 235520, Shawnee State Supplement, be disbursed to SSU to improve course completion, increase the number of degrees conferred, and further the university's mission of service to the Appalachian region.

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**BORCD80 Governor's Merit Scholarship****Section: 381.400**

Requires that GRF ALI 235530, Governor's Merit Scholarship, be used to award individual merit-based scholarships of \$5,000 per academic year to eligible students determined to be in the top 5% of their public or chartered nonpublic high school's graduating class, as determined by the Chancellor in consultation with ODE.

Requires eligible students to receive an award for up to the equivalent of four academic years at a public or private, nonprofit institution of higher education, contingent on satisfactory academic progress.

Requires the Chancellor and ODE to determine eligibility for home-schooled high school graduates to provide them with a similar level of access to the scholarship.

Requires the scholarships to be used to pay eligible expenses, as determined by the Chancellor, included within the institution's published cost of attendance.

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Prohibits an institution receiving funds under this program from either:

- (1) Changing their scholarship or financial aid programs to shift the cost of those programs onto this one; or
- (2) Reducing their level of merit-based financial aid below what they provided in the most recent academic year in the aggregate to all students or on a per-student basis.

Permits the Chancellor to establish guidelines to implement this program.

**BORCD64 Program and Project Support**

**Section: 381.410**

Requires that GRF ALI 235533, Program and Project Support, be used to support the Ohio Aerospace Institute's Space Grant Consortium.

**BORCD68 Ohio State Agricultural Research**

**Section: 381.420**

Requires that GRF ALI 235535, Ohio State Agricultural Research, be disbursed to OSU in monthly payments.

**BORCD69 Central State Agricultural Research and Development**

**Section: 381.440**

Requires that GRF ALIs 235546, Central State Agricultural Research and Development, and 235548, Central State Cooperative Extension Services, be used by CSU for its state match requirement as an 1890 land grant university.

**BORCD70 Capital Component**

**Section: 381.450**

Requires that GRF ALI 235552, Capital Component, be distributed to each campus for which the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects is less than the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation under the state's former capital funding policy. Specifies that the amount of each campus's payment be determined by subtracting the former amount from the latter and that the campuses use these payments only for capital projects.

Requires the Chancellor to subtract from each campus's SSI allocation the amount by which the estimated campus debt service attributable to qualifying capital projects exceeds the campus's formula-determined capital component allocation and transfer appropriation equal to the sum of these amounts from GRF ALI 235501, State Share of Instruction, to this line item.

**BORCD71 Library Depositories**

**Section: 381.460**

Requires that GRF ALI 235555, Library Depositories, be used to support the state's five regional depository libraries for the cost-effective storage of and access to lesser used materials in university library collections. Specifies that the depositories are to be administered by the Chancellor or OhioLINK.

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**Executive****BORCD72 Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet)****Section: 381.470**

Requires that GRF ALI 235556, Ohio Academic Resources Network, be used to support the operations of OARnet, including support for Ohio's colleges and universities in maintaining and enhancing network connections, using new network technologies to improve programs, and sharing information technology services. Requires, to the extent network capacity is available, that OARnet support allocating bandwidth to eligible programs directly supporting Ohio's economic development.

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**BORCD73 Ohio College Opportunity Grant****Section: 381.490**

Requires Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) awards for students first attending an eligible institution prior to the 2023-2024 academic year for FY 2024 and FY 2025 be: (1) \$2,700 per student at a state institution of higher education; (2) \$4,200 per student at an eligible private nonprofit institution; and (3) \$1,600 at a private for-profit career college.

Requires OCOG awards for students with an expected family contribution (EFC) of \$10,000 or less who are first attending an eligible institution in the 2023-2024 academic year for FY 2024 and FY 2025 be: (1) \$4,000 per student at a main campus of a state university; (2) \$5,000 per student at an eligible private nonprofit institution; and (3) \$1,600 at a private for-profit career college.

Authorizes the distribution of awards on an annual basis for students attending an eligible institution year-round.

Authorizes the Chancellor in FY 2024 and FY 2025 to (1) give preference for awards based upon EFC or a different measure of criteria under federal law, beginning with the neediest students and working upward to ones with less need, or (2) proportionally reduce each award for the academic year, if the amounts appropriated are inadequate to provide grants to all eligible students. Requires the Chancellor to notify the Controlling Board of the distribution method. Requires that any formula be established to coincide with the start of each academic year.

Requires the Chancellor, prior to determining OCOG award amounts, to pay for tuition and fee waivers of students eligible for awards under the Ohio Safety Officer's College Memorial Fund Program.

Prohibits the Chancellor from distributing or obligating more than the appropriation amount. Requires the Chancellor to post award tables on ODHE's website and notify students and institutions of any reductions in awards. Prohibits any student from receiving OCOG for more than the equivalent of five academic years, less the number of semesters or quarters in which the student received an Ohio Instructional Grant.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235563, from the GRF to the OCOG Reserve Fund (Fund 5PU0).

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**BORCD74 The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement****Section: 381.500**

Requires GRF ALI 235569, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement, to be distributed to the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine to provide supplemental support for education, research, and operations.

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**Executive****BORCD75 Federal Research Network****Section: 381.520**

Requires that GRF ALI 235578, Federal Research Network, be distributed to OSU to collaborate with federal installations in Ohio, state and private, nonprofit institutions of higher education, and the private sector to align the state's research assets with emerging missions and job growth opportunities emanating from federal installations, strengthen related workforce development and technology commercialization programs, and better position the state's university system to directly impact new job creation in Ohio.

Requires a portion to be used to support the growth of small business federal contractors in the state and expand the participation of Ohio businesses in the federal Small Business Innovation Research Program and related federal programs.

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**BORCD76 Co-Op Internship Program****Section: 381.530**

Requires that GRF ALI 235591, Co-Op Internship Program, be used to support the operations of Ohio University's Voinovich School.

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**BORCD77 Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program****Section: 381.540**

Requires that GRF ALI 235595, Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program, be used to administer and provide grants and loans under the Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program.

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**BORCD78 Rural University Program****Section: 381.550**

Requires that GRF ALI 235598, Rural University Program, be used for the Rural University Program, a collaboration of BGSU, KSU, MUN, and OHU that provides rural communities with economic development, public administration, and public health services.

Requires that each of the four universities receive \$103,000 in each fiscal year to support their respective programs.

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**BORCD79 National Guard Scholarship Program****Section: 381.560**

Requires that GRF ALI 235599, National Guard Scholarship Program, be disbursed by the Chancellor.

Authorizes, during each fiscal year, the transfer of cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in ALI 235599, from the GRF to the National Guard Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5BM0).

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**BORCD83 Pledge of fees****Section: 381.570**

Provides that any new pledge or adjustment of fees made in the biennium to secure bonds or notes of a state institution of higher education for a project are effective only after approval by the Chancellor, unless approved in a previous biennium.

**BORCD84 Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service****Section: 381.580**

Requires that GRF ALI 235909, Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service, be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs of higher education general obligation bonds during the biennium.

**BORCD85 Sales and Services****Section: 381.590**

Authorizes the Chancellor to charge and accept payment for the provision of goods and services. Requires the charges to be related to the costs of producing goods and services. Prohibits charges for goods or services that are produced as part of the routine responsibilities or duties of the Chancellor. Requires that all revenues received be deposited into Fund 4560, Sales and Services. Allows the Chancellor to use these funds to pay for the costs of producing goods and services.

**BORCD86 Higher Education Facility Commission Administration****Section: 381.600**

Requires that Fund 4E80 ALI 235602, Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration, be used for operating expenses related to ODHE's support of the activities of the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission (HEFC).

Authorizes the OBM Director, upon request of the Chancellor, to transfer cash in an amount up to the amount appropriated from ALI 235602 in each fiscal year from the HEFC Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 4610) to the HEFC Administration Fund (Fund 4E80).

**BORCD81 Super RAPIDS****Section: 381.610**

Requires that Fund 5CV3 ALI 235687, Super RAPIDS, be used by the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) and the Chancellor to support collaborative projects among state institutions of higher education, OTCs, and other secondary and postsecondary education and workforce-related entities to strengthen education and training opportunities that maximize workforce development area in regions throughout the state.

Requires these funds be used to support efforts that build capacity, remove employment and training barriers for prospective and unemployed workers, develop and strengthen business-led strategies in the impacted industries, and provide local guided solutions to employment for communities in economic transition.

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Requires the Chancellor and OWT to consult with DEV and other stakeholders as determined to be appropriate, to define Ohio regions and distribute these funds to those regions.

Permits a portion of the funds in each fiscal year to be used by OWT to meet urgent workforce development and job creation needs throughout the state.

Requires the Chancellor and OWT to develop and use a proposal and review process to award funds under the program, giving priority to proposals that demonstrate all of the following:

- (1) Clear compliance with all applicable state and federal rules and regulations;
- (2) Collaboration between and among state institutions of higher education, OTCs, and other education and appropriate workforce-related entities;
- (3) Evidence of meaningful business support and engagement;
- (4) Identification of targeted occupations and industries supported by data, which sources must include OWT, OhioMeansJobs, ODJFS labor market information, and lists of in-demand occupations;
- (5) Sustainability beyond the grant period with the opportunity to provide continued value and impact to the region; and
- (6) Evidence of a strong commitment to invest in one or more of the following areas: (a) broadband/5G, (b) cybersecurity, (c) health care, (d) transportation, (e) advanced manufacturing, and (f) trades.

**BORCD82 Internship Pilot Program****Section: 381.620**

Requires that Fund 5CV3 ALI 235698, Internship Pilot Program, be used to support the Internship Pilot Program in a manner consistent with the following goals:

- (1) Connecting Ohio college and career technical students with Ohio-based employers to facilitate work-based learning opportunities, which may include internships, externships and co-ops; and
- (2) Retaining the highest possible number of college and career-technical students in Ohio post-graduation to contribute to Ohio's expanding economic opportunities.

Requires the Chancellor to develop the goals, structure, and parameters of the program, and in doing so, may consult with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, DEV, institutions of higher education, OTCs, Ohio employer organizations, and other appropriate stakeholders.

Requires the Chancellor, in allocating funds under this program, to consider at least the following factors:

- (1) Alignment with local, regional and statewide workforce needs, giving priority to internships, externships, and co-ops aligned to the most critical workforce needs;
- (2) The extent to which funds awarded will be leveraged to create sustainability and support programs and initiatives that can be maintained long-term with support from philanthropic and private sector partners;

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- (3) Alignment with existing state programs that incentivize and support work-based learning opportunities, such as Choose Ohio First; and
- (4) Evidence-based approaches, giving priority to strategies that have produced documented success in:
- (a) Connecting students with employers for meaningful work-based learning experiences;
  - (b) Retaining a higher number of graduates in-state for employment post-graduation; and
  - (c) Creating a sustainable network and infrastructure of public-private partners to provide lasting opportunities for work-based learning experiences.

Permits expenditures under the program to include support for: (1) internship, externship, and co-op participants; (2) career advising services; (3) grants to colleges, universities, and OTCs to support their programs; (4) grants to participating employers to defray costs of participating in the program; and (5) other expenditures determined permissible by the Chancellor.

Reappropriates the available balance of Fund 5CV3 ALI 235698, Internship Pilot Program, at the end of FY 2024 for the same purpose in FY 2025.

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**BORCD87 Short-Term Certificates****Section: 381.630**

Requires Fund 5NH0 ALI 235517, Short-Term Certificates, to be used by the Chancellor to award need-based financial aid to students who are enrolled in a state-supported community college, university regional campus, or an OTC in a credit or noncredit program that may be completed in less than one year and for which a certificate or industry-recognized credential is awarded in an in-demand job.

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**BORCD88 State Financial Aid Reconciliation****Section: 381.640**

Requires the Chancellor, on September 1 of each fiscal year or as soon as possible thereafter, to certify to the OBM Director the amount necessary to pay any outstanding prior year obligations to institutions of higher education for the state's student financial aid programs. Appropriates the amounts certified to Fund 5Y50 ALI 235618, State Financial Aid Reconciliation, from revenues received in the State Financial Aid Reconciliation Fund (Fund 5Y50).

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**BORCD89 Second Chance Grant Program****Section: 381.650**

Requires that Fund 5YD0 ALI 235494, Second Chance Grant Program, be distributed by the Chancellor to qualifying institutions of higher education and Ohio Technical Centers to provide grants to eligible students under the Second Chance Grant Program.

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**BORCD90 Nursing Loan Program****Section: 381.660**

Requires that Fund 6820 ALI 235606, Nursing Loan Program, be used to administer the nurse education assistance program.

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**Executive****BORCD91 Research Incentive Third Frontier-Tax****Section: 381.670**

Requires that Fund 7014 ALI 235639, Research Incentive Third Frontier-Tax, be used to advance collaborative research at institutions of higher education and makes the following permissive earmarks:

- (1) Up to \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding improvement of water quality;
  - (2) Up to \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year for spinal cord research;
  - (3) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding the reduction of infant mortality;
  - (4) Up to \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding opiate addiction issues in Ohio;
  - (5) Up to \$750,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding cyber security initiatives;
  - (6) Up to \$300,000 in each fiscal year for the ICorps@Ohio program; and
  - (7) Up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Innovation Exchange Program.
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**BORCD92 Veterans preferences****Section: 381.680**

Requires the Chancellor to collaborate with the ODVS to develop veterans preference guidelines for institutions of higher education.

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**BORCD93 Higher education institution furloughs****Section: 381.690**

Authorizes the board of trustees of state institutions of higher education to adopt policies that require mandatory furloughs of employees, including faculty, to achieve spending reductions necessitated by institutional budget deficits.

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**BORCD94 Efficiency reports****Section: 381.700**

Requires that in each fiscal year, the board of trustees of each public institution of higher education approve the institution's efficiency report submitted to the Chancellor.

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**Executive****BORCD95 Ohio Innovation Exchange****Section: 381.710**

Requires the Chancellor to support the continued development of the Ohio Innovation Exchange for the purpose of (1) showcasing the research expertise of Ohio's university and college faculty in engineering, biomedicine, and information technology, and other fields of study and (2) identifying institutional research equipment available in the state.

**Fiscal effect: Potential increase in administrative responsibilities associated with the continued development and maintenance of this database. The "Ohio Innovation Exchange" is a current initiative developed jointly by Case Western Reserve University, OU, OSU, and UC, in consultation with ODHE and the Ohio Manufacturing Institute that provides access to faculty profiles and resources.**

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**BORCD96 College Credit Plus Program engagement****Section: 381.720**

Permits the Chancellor, in consultation with the Superintendent, to take action as necessary to ensure that public colleges and universities and school districts are fully engaging and participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program including publicly displaying program participation data by district and institution.

Requires the Chancellor and Superintendent, to work with public secondary schools and partnering public colleges and universities, as necessary, to encourage the establishment of CCP model pathways that prepare participants to successfully enter the workforce in certain fields, which may include any of the following:

- (1) Engineering technology and other fields essential to the superconductor industry;
- (2) Nursing, with particular emphasis on models that facilitate a participant's potential progression through different levels of nursing;
- (3) Teaching and other related education professions;
- (4) Social and behavioral or mental health professions;
- (5) Law enforcement or corrections; and
- (6) Other fields as determined appropriate by the Chancellor and Superintendent, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation.

**Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in administrative costs for ODHE and ODE.**

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**OBMCD12 Eliminate certain reporting requirements**

R.C. 126.30, 131.02, 153.17, 3333.021, 3333.12, 3333.122, 5123.0412, 5727.28, 5727.42, 5727.91, Repealed: 131.38

Eliminates the following reporting requirements for agencies to submit certain information to OBM:

- (1) Interest charges paid related to an agency's purchase or lease of goods or services;
- (2) Unpaid amounts due to the state that an agency is unable to collect;
- (3) Information on segregated custodial funds maintained by an agency;
- (4) Notification, by the owner of a public work, of execution of a takeover contract for the takeover of a defaulted public works contract;
- (5) Refunds of certain higher education grants provided by ODHE;
- (6) Tax refunds to certain entities.

Removes OBM from the list of recipients required to receive a fiscal analysis prior to the implementation of any action or adoption of a rule by the ODHE Chancellor expected to have an effect on the revenue or expenditures of any university.

Removes the requirement that DODD submit an annual report to OBM on the use of the DODD's Administration and Oversight Fund.

**Fiscal effect: Negligible reduction in statewide agency expenditures due to reduced reporting requirements.**

**OBMCD21 Transfers of Third Frontier appropriations**

Section: 503.90

Permits the OBM Director to transfer appropriations between the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund (Fund 7011) and the Third Frontier Research and Development Taxable Bond Fund (Fund 7014) as necessary to maintain the exclusion from the calculation of gross income for federal income taxation purposes. Authorizes the OBM Director to create new appropriation items within Fund 7014 and make transfers of appropriations to Fund 7014 for projects that were originally funded in Fund 7011.

**OBMCD36 Reappropriation of recovery and relief funds**

Section: 505.80

Reappropriates the available balance of ALIs under the following recovery and relief funds, at the end of FY 2024 to the same ALI and for the same purposes in FY 2025: Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (Fund 3HQ0), CARES Act School Relief Fund (Fund 3HS0), Emergency Rental Assistance Fund (Fund 5CV2), State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund 5CV3), Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund 5CV4), Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (Fund 5CV5), and the Health and Human Services Fund (Fund 5SA4).

**OBMCD37 Transfers out of the GRF**

Section: 512.10

Provides for the OBM Director to make the following transfers out of the GRF:

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- (1) Requires transfer of up to \$20,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the State Marketing Office Fund (Fund 5MJ0);
  - (2) Requires transfer of \$3,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the Credit Score Cost Assistance Fund (Fund 5ZM0) and creates the fund;
  - (3) Permits transfer of up to \$24,129,706 cash in each fiscal year to the Targeted Addiction Program Fund (Fund 5TZ0);
  - (4) Requires transfer of up to \$5,000,000 cash in each fiscal year to the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq Compensation Fund (Fund 7041);
  - (5) Requires transfer of \$40,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the Tobacco Use Prevention Fund (Fund 5BX0).
  - (6) Permits transfer of up to \$600,000,000 cash in each fiscal year to the Foundation Funding - All Students Fund (Fund 5VS0);
  - (7) Requires transfer of \$10,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the State Board of Education Licensure Fund (Fund 4L20);
  - (8) Requires transfer of \$14,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0); States that the purpose of the transfer is support of need-based financial aid to students who are enrolled in an educational program for an in-demand job;
  - (9) Requires transfer of up to \$4,000,000 cash in FY 2024 to the Second Chance Grant Pilot Program Fund (Fund 5YD0);
  - (10) Permits, upon request of the DAS Director, transfer of up to \$2,500,000 cash in each fiscal year to the Information Technology Development Fund (Fund 5LJ0); States purpose of transfer is to support the operations of the Office of InnovateOhio;
  - (11) Requires transfer of \$6,600,000 cash in FY 2024 to the Professional Development Fund (Fund 5L70);
  - (12) Requires transfer of \$511,000 cash in each fiscal year to the Wildlife Fund (Fund 7015);
- Requires an amount of cash authorized by Section 529.10 of H.B. 687 of the 134th General Assembly to be transferred to support capital projects but not transferred as of June 30, 2023, to remain in the GRF.

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Educator Provisions

**EDUCD79 Computer science educator licensure**

**R.C. 3319.236, 3319.22**

Requires the State Board of Education to establish a new computer science license for industry professionals and assign grade band designations to computer science teaching licenses.

Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to consult with the Office of Computer Science Education in revising the requirements for licensure in computer science.

**Fiscal effect: May increase ODE administrative costs paid from the State Board of Education Licensure Fund (Fund 4L20), to be offset more or less by additional license fee revenues.**

Other Education Provisions

**EDUCD74 Ohio Computer Science Promise Program**

**R.C. 3322.20, 3322.21, 3322.24**

Establishes the Ohio Computer Science Promise Program beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Allows an Ohio resident in grades 7-12 to enroll tuition-free in one computer science course not provided by the student's school per academic year, and to receive high school credit for that course.

Requires eligible courses and providers to be approved by ODE in consultation with the Office of Computer Science Education.

Requires ODE to publish a list of approved providers and courses annually.

Authorizes the Office of Computer Science Education to prioritize funding within the available limits of those funds and requires ODE to assist with fund administration.

Requires all public schools that serve grades 7-12 to participate in the program. Permits nonpublic schools to participate.

Requires the Chancellor of Higher Education to adopt rules for the program in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Requires the Office of Computer Science Education to determine rules regarding reimbursement and payment rates, processes, terms, and schedules for approved Ohio Computer Science Program providers, including consideration of existing College Credit Plus agreements.

Requires public and participating private schools to award high school credit for successful completion of program courses and to count them toward applicable graduation requirements.

**Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$18.5 million in each fiscal year to GRF ALI 235413, Computer Science, in the budget of the Department of Higher Education, to implement the Ohio Computer Science Promise Program (see BORCD58).**