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A BILL

To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant 1
Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to 2
develop, enhance, and promote educational 3
programs to address regional workforce needs; to 4
create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for 5
fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and 6
provide grants to industry partnerships; to 7
support programs that improve access to 8
workforce training opportunities for students; 9
to support economic development and 10
revitalization programs; and to make an 11
appropriation. 12

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

Section 1. (A) As used in this section, "eligible 13
partnership" means a partnership consisting of any community 14
college, state community college, technical college, university 15
branch, or regional campus that offers associate degree programs 16
and industry-recognized credential programs, and at least one 17
business located in the same region as the partnering 18
institution of higher education. 19

(B) The Public-Private Partnership Grant Program is hereby created for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to provide grants to eligible partnerships to develop, enhance, and promote associate degree programs and industry-recognized credential programs that align with in-demand jobs to address the region's workforce needs.

(C) (1) Grants shall be awarded by a nine-member governing board consisting of the Chancellor of Higher Education, or the Chancellor's designee; the Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, or the Director's designee; three members appointed by the Governor, two representing the interests of labor and one representing the interests of business; the chairperson and ranking minority leader of the House of Representatives committee that primarily deals with higher education and workforce development; and the chairperson and ranking minority leader of the Senate committee that primarily deals with education.

(2) The board shall select grant advisors with fiscal expertise and higher education and workforce development expertise. These advisors shall evaluate proposals from grant applicants and advise the staff administering the program. No advisor shall be compensated for this service.

(3) The board shall create a grant application and publish on the Department of Higher Education's web site the application and timeline for the submission, review, notification, and awarding of grant proposals.

(D) Each grant applicant shall submit a proposal that includes all of the following:

(1) The name of all businesses included in the

partnership; 49

(2) A description of the project for which the applicant 50
is seeking a grant, including a description of how the project 51
will help to create and fill in-demand jobs in the region; 52

(3) An explanation of how the project will be self- 53
sustaining. 54

The lead applicant for a grant under this section shall be 55
the institution of higher education. 56

(E) (1) With the approval of the governing board, the 57
Chancellor shall establish a system for evaluating and scoring 58
the grant applications received under this section. When 59
awarding grants, the board shall give preference to eligible 60
partnerships with institutions of higher education that 61
currently offer associate degree programs and industry- 62
recognized credential programs that align with in-demand jobs in 63
the region. 64

(2) Not later than seventy-five days after receipt of an 65
application under this section, the board shall issue a decision 66
of "yes," "no," "hold," or "edit" for the application. In making 67
its decision, the board shall consider whether the project has 68
the potential to align associate degree and credential programs 69
with in-demand jobs to address the region's workforce needs and 70
the capability of being replicated in other regions of the 71
state. If the board issues a "hold" or "edit" decision for an 72
application, it shall, upon returning the application to the 73
applicant, specify the process for reconsideration of the 74
application. 75

(F) Upon deciding to award a grant to an applicant, the 76
board shall enter into a grant agreement with the applicant that 77

includes all of the following:	78
(1) The content of the applicant's proposal as outlined	79
under division (D) of this section;	80
(2) The project's deliverables and a timetable for their	81
completion;	82
(3) Conditions for receiving grant funding;	83
(4) Conditions for receiving funding in future years if	84
the contract is a multi-year contract;	85
(5) A provision specifying that funding will be returned	86
to the board if the applicant fails to implement the agreement,	87
as determined by the Auditor of State;	88
(6) A provision specifying that the agreement may be	89
amended by mutual agreement between the board and the applicant.	90
(G) The Chancellor shall determine the amount for each	91
grant awarded under this section. When distributing the grant	92
funding, the Chancellor shall allocate one-half of the amount of	93
the grant to the institution of higher education and one-half to	94
the businesses in the partnership.	95
(H) Each grant awarded under this section shall be subject	96
to approval by the Controlling Board prior to execution of the	97
grant agreement.	98
Section 2. All items in this act are hereby appropriated	99
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the	100
credit of the designated fund. For all appropriations made in	101
this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 2018 and	102
those in the second column are for fiscal year 2019. The	103
appropriations made in this act are in addition to any other	104
appropriations made for the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium.	105

Section 3. DEV DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY	106
General Revenue Fund	107
GRF 195405 Minority Business \$3,250,000\$3,250,000	108
Development	109
GRF 195426 Redevelopment Assistance\$5,000,000 \$5,000,000	110
GRF 195504 Sector Partnership Grants\$10,000,000 \$10,000,000	111
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund \$18,250,000\$18,250,000	112
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	113
4W00 195646Minority Business \$6,500,000\$6,500,000	114
Enterprise Loan	115
TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group\$6,500,000 \$6,500,000	116
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$24,750,000\$24,750,000	117
MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	118
The foregoing appropriation item 195405, Minority Business	119
Development, shall be distributed in equal amounts in each	120
fiscal year to the seven minority business assistance centers	121
across the state.	122
REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE	123
The foregoing appropriation item 195426, Redevelopment	124
Assistance, shall be used to support the Ohio Brownfield Fund.	125
SECTOR PARTNERSHIP GRANTS	126
The foregoing appropriation item 195504, Sector	127
Partnership Grants, shall be used for the Sector Partnership	128
Grant Program as described in Section 7 of this bill.	129

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN	130
On July 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible	131
thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer	132
\$6,500,000 cash from the GRF to the Minority Business Enterprise	133
Loan Fund (Fund 4W10).	134
The foregoing appropriation item 195646, Minority Business	135
Enterprise Loan, shall be used for the Minority Business Direct	136
Loan Program.	137
Section 4. EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	138
General Revenue Fund	139
GRF 200545 Career-Technical Education\$12,500,000 \$12,500,000	140
Enhancements	141
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund \$12,500,000\$12,500,000	142
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$12,500,000\$12,500,000	143
CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION ENHANCEMENTS	144
The foregoing appropriation item 200545, Career-Technical	145
Education Enhancements, shall be used to provide grants to city,	146
local, exempted village, and joint vocational school districts,	147
community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised	148
Code, and STEM schools established under Chapter 3326. of the	149
Revised Code to improve access to workforce training	150
opportunities for students. The Superintendent of Public	151
Instruction shall develop guidelines for and administer the	152
grants. The grants shall be used by recipients to do any of the	153
following:	154
(A) Assist students with shop fees associated with career-	155
technical education courses;	156

(B) Assist students with industry credential testing fees;	157
(C) Purchase or upgrade equipment for career-technical education programs;	158 159
(D) Expand existing work readiness programs;	160
(E) Carry out any other purposes that the Superintendent deems appropriate to improve access to workforce training opportunities for students.	161 162 163
Section 5. BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION	164
General Revenue Fund	165
GRF 235570 Public-Private \$12,500,000\$12,500,000	166
Partnership Grant	167
Program	168
TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund \$12,500,000\$12,500,000	169
TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS \$12,500,000\$12,500,000	170
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM	171
The foregoing appropriation item 235570, Public-Private Partnership Grant Program, shall be used to distribute grants awarded pursuant to Section 1 of this act.	172 173 174
Section 6. Within the limits set forth in this act, the Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation made in this act, and shall determine the form and manner in which appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from appropriations contained in this act shall be accounted for as though made in the main operating appropriations act of the 132nd General Assembly.	175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182

The appropriations made in this act are subject to all 183
provisions of the main operating appropriations act of the 132nd 184
General Assembly that are generally applicable to such 185
appropriations. 186

Section 7. (A) As used in this section: 187

(1) "In-demand job" means a job that is determined to be 188
in demand in this state and its regions under section 6301.11 of 189
the Revised Code, has a significant presence in an industry 190
cluster, and pays or leads to payment of a family-sustaining 191
wage. 192

(2) "Industry cluster" means a group of employers that 193
meet all of the following criteria, as determined by the 194
nonprofit corporation formed under section 187.01 of the Revised 195
Code: 196

(a) The employers are closely linked by a common product 197
or service, workforce needs, similar technologies, supply 198
chains, or other economic ties. 199

(b) The employers have a statewide economic impact. 200

(c) The employers have immediate workforce development 201
needs. 202

(d) The employers provide emerging or competitive career 203
opportunities for workers. 204

(3) "Industry partnership" means a collaborative 205
relationship between multiple employers and workers or worker 206
representatives in an industry cluster to address common 207
workforce needs. 208

(4) "Labor organization" has the same meaning as in 209
section 3517.01 of the Revised Code. 210

(5) "Local board" has the same meaning as in section 211
6301.01 of the Revised Code. 212

(6) "One-stop system" means the system for workforce 213
development activities established under section 6301.08 of the 214
Revised Code. 215

(B) The Sector Partnership Grant Program is hereby created 216
within the Development Services Agency for fiscal years 2018 and 217
2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships. An 218
industry partnership may use a grant awarded under this section 219
to do any of the following: 220

(1) Organize businesses, employers, workers, labor 221
organizations, and industry associations in an industry cluster 222
into a collaborative structure that shares information, ideas, 223
and challenges common to the industry cluster; 224

(2) Identify training needs of businesses in an industry 225
cluster, including skill gaps critical to competitiveness and 226
innovation; 227

(3) Aggregate training and education needs of multiple 228
employers to facilitate economies of scale; 229

(4) Assist educational and training institutions in 230
aligning curricula and programs to industry demand, particularly 231
for in-demand jobs; 232

(5) Collaborate with the one-stop system of the area being 233
served by the industry partnership, youth councils, business- 234
education partnerships, intermediate units, secondary and post- 235
secondary educational institutions, parents, and career 236
counselors to address the challenges of connecting disadvantaged 237
youth and adults to careers; 238

(6) Assist companies in identifying and addressing common	239
organizational and human resources challenges;	240
(7) Assist in developing and strengthening career	241
advancement within and across companies to enable entry-level	242
workers to advance to higher-wage jobs;	243
(8) Assist companies in attracting a diverse work force,	244
including individuals with barriers to employment;	245
(9) Assist in fostering cooperation among businesses in an	246
industry cluster on issues that would improve competitiveness	247
and job quality.	248
(C) (1) Each industry partnership wishing to receive a	249
grant shall submit a grant application to the Director of	250
Development Services that includes all of the following	251
information:	252
(a) Evidence of involvement of a local board;	253
(b) Evidence of participation of workers or labor	254
representatives in the industry partnership;	255
(c) Evidence that private sector matching funds will be	256
provided in an amount that equals at least twenty-five per cent	257
of the amount of the grant for which the industry partnership is	258
applying;	259
(d) Evidence of commitment to participate in the	260
evaluation and performance improvement system established by	261
division (F) of this section.	262
(2) The Director shall award a grant to an industry	263
partnership that submits a complete application if funding is	264
available. A grant awarded under this section shall be for a	265
period of not less than twelve months and not more than twenty-	266

four months. A grantee may apply to renew a grant by submitting 267
a new application containing the information described in 268
division (C) (1) of this section. 269

(D) The Director of Development Services shall do all of 270
the following regarding the operation of the grant program: 271

(1) Establish grant guidelines and create a grant 272
application; 273

(2) Develop forms and institute procedures to award grants 274
under this section; 275

(3) Establish a system for reviewing grant applications; 276

(4) Establish a procedure to provide applicants with 277
additional information regarding eligibility requirements and 278
assistance in preparing applications; 279

(5) Provide technical assistance to grant applicants and 280
grantees; 281

(6) Apply for grants and seek other sources of revenue to 282
fund administrative and training activities. 283

(E) Unless otherwise prohibited by state or federal law, 284
every state agency, board, or commission shall provide the 285
Director of Development Services with any assistance and 286
information requested by the Director in furtherance of the 287
operation of the grant program. 288

(F) The Director of Development Services shall develop and 289
implement an evaluation and performance improvement system for 290
the grant program that does all of the following: 291

(1) Collects critical industry partnership information 292
beginning one year after the effective date of this section, and 293

each year thereafter, or more frequently, as the Director	294
determines necessary, including all of the following:	295
(a) What the industry partnership has learned;	296
(b) The human resources challenges that were the most	297
common within the industry partnership;	298
(c) The influence and use of technology by the industry	299
partnership;	300
(d) The challenges that are foreseen by the industry	301
partnership.	302
(2) Defines the benefits of the industry partnership and	303
its activities to employers, workers, and communities;	304
(3) Provides annual performance information to the General	305
Assembly, the public, and workforce stakeholders.	306