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A BILL

To enact sections 122.178, 122.179, 122.1710, and 122.1711 of the Revised Code and to amend Sections 259.10, 259.20, and 259.30 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly to create the TechCred Program and the Individual Microcredential Assistance Program and to develop a grant program to support industry sector partnerships.

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

Section 1. That sections 122.178, 122.179, 122.1710, and 122.1711 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 122.178. (A) As used in this section, "microcredential" means an industry-recognized credential or certificate that an applicant may complete in not more than one year and that is approved by the chancellor of higher education.

(B) There is hereby created the TechCred program to reimburse employers from appropriations made for that purpose for training costs for prospective and incumbent employees to earn a microcredential. The development services agency, in consultation with the governor's office of workforce transformation and the department of higher education, shall develop the program.

(C)(1) An employer seeking to participate in the program shall submit an application to the director of development services during an application period established by the director. The employer shall include in the application all of the following information:

(a) Proof that the employer is registered to do business in this state;

(b) Proof that the employer is current on all tax obligations to the state;

(c) Proof that the employer is in compliance with all environmental regulations applicable to the employer;

(d) The name of the training provider from which a prospective or incumbent employee will receive the training and earn the microcredential;

(e) The cost of the training;

(f) The positions for which earning the microcredential will make a prospective or incumbent employee qualified or the occupational skill set that the prospective or incumbent employee will acquire on completing the training;

(g) The address of the facility or location at which the prospective or incumbent employee is expected to be employed after completing the training;

(h) Any other information the director requires.

(2) In addition to the information required under division (C)(1) of this section, an employer seeking to participate in the program also may submit any of the following information the employer wishes to provide to the director:

(a) The estimated wage after completing the training and earning the microcredential;

(b) The employer's certification as a minority business enterprise under section 123.151 of the Revised Code or certification as an EDGE business enterprise under section 123.152 of the Revised Code if applicable;

(c) The demographic information of the employer, including race and gender;

(d) Any demographic information of a prospective or incumbent employee that the employee provides to the employer, including race and gender;

(e) Any other information the employer wishes to provide to the director.

(D)(1) The director shall consider all applications submitted during an application period after the application period ends. The director shall consider the following factors in determining whether to approve an application:

(a) The duration of the training program;

(b) The cost of the training;

(c) A prospective or incumbent employee's estimated wage after completing the training and earning the microcredential;

(d) Whether approving an application will promote regional diversity in apportioning reimbursements uniformly across the state;

(e) Any other factors the director considers relevant in determining whether to approve an application.

(2) The chancellor of higher education shall establish a list of approved microcredentials. The director shall not approve an application submitted under division (C) of this section unless the microcredentials identified in the application are included in the chancellor's list. Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, the director shall create a list of training providers that offer a microcredential included in the chancellor's list. Thereafter, the director shall annually update the list of training providers.

(3) If the director approves an employer's application for participation in the program, the approval is valid as long as the employer maintains accurate application information under division (C)(1) of this section with the director. The employer shall submit the updated information to the director at the beginning of the third fiscal year the employer participates in the program and every other subsequent fiscal year thereafter.

(4) The director shall not approve an application for participation in the program if the employer has violated Chapter 4111. of the Revised Code within the four fiscal years immediately preceding the date of application.

(E)(1) Each participating employer seeking reimbursement for training costs for a prospective or incumbent employee shall submit an application to the director that includes all of the following information for each prospective or incumbent employee:

(a) The prospective or incumbent employee's name and position, if applicable, at the time of submitting the application;

(b) The actual amount the employer paid to the training provider for the training;

(c) Evidence that the prospective or incumbent employee earned a microcredential;

(d) Evidence that the prospective or incumbent employee is a resident of this state.

(2) The amount of the reimbursement shall be not more than two thousand dollars for each microcredential a prospective or incumbent employee receives.

(F) No participating employer shall require a prospective or incumbent employee who receives a microcredential because the employer participated in and received a reimbursement through the employer's participation in the TechCred program to accept or continue employment with the employer.

(G) For the purposes of determining regional diversity under this section, the following constitute the regions of the state:

(1) The counties of Allen, Crawford, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot are one

region;

(2) The counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne are one region;

(3) The counties of Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Shelby are one region;

(4) The counties of Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Pickaway, and Union are one region;

(5) The counties of Adams, Athens, Gallia, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton are one region;

(6) The counties of Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, and Washington are one region;

(7) The counties of Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren are one region.

(H)(1) The director shall do both of the following regarding the operation of the program:

(a) Create an application to participate in the program and an application for reimbursement;

(b) Create an internet web site with the applications for and information regarding the program created in this section.

(2) The governor's office of workforce transformation shall include on the office's internet web site either of the

following:

(a) The applications for and information regarding the program created in this section;

(b) An internet link to the internet web site created under division (H)(1)(b) of this section.

(I) The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code regarding the operation of the program as the director considers necessary to administer the program, including establishing priority guidelines for approving applications under division (D) of this section.

Sec. 122.179. (A) As used in this section:

"Charitable organization" has the same meaning as in section 1716.01 of the Revised Code.

"Independent college or university" means a nonprofit institution of higher education that has a certificate of authorization under Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code.

"Industry sector partnership" means a workforce collaborative that organizes key leaders and stakeholders of an industry cluster into a working group that focuses on achieving a shared goal of meeting the industry cluster's human resources needs.

"Ohio technical center" has the same meaning as in section 3333.94 of the Revised Code.

"Sector partnership network" means a regional or statewide workforce collaborative that organizes multiple industry sector partnerships into a working group that focuses on achieving a shared goal of meeting the human resources needs of a region or statewide.

"State board" and "local board" have the same meanings as in section 6301.01 of the Revised Code.

"State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(B) A collaboration of multiple employers of an industry cluster may organize and lead an industry sector partnership by convening or acting in partnership with representatives of businesses, employers, or other institutions of an industry cluster, including small- and medium-sized employers where practicable, and a collaboration of multiple industry sector partnerships may convene or act in partnership together as a sector partnership network. An industry sector partnership may include representatives of one or more of the following:

(1) A school district;

(2) A state institution of higher education;

(3) An Ohio technical center;

(4) An independent college or university;

(5) The state or a local government;

(6) A state or local economic or workforce development agency;

(7) A state board or local board;

(8) The department of job and family services;

(9) A business, trade, or industry association;

(10) A charitable organization;

(11) An economic development organization;

(12) A nonprofit or community-based organization or

intermediary;

(13) The Ohio state university extension division established under section 3335.16 of the Revised Code or the central state university extension program;

(14) Any other organization that the industry sector partnership considers necessary to further the shared goal of meeting the industry cluster's human resources needs.

(C) The director of development services, in consultation with the governor's office of workforce transformation, shall develop a grant program to support industry sector partnerships and sector partnership networks. An industry sector partnership or sector partnership network may use a grant awarded under this section to do any of the following:

(1) Hire employees to coordinate industry sector partnership or sector partnership network activities;

(2) Develop curricula or other educational resources to support the industry sector partnership or sector partnership network;

(3) Market the industry sector partnership or sector partnership network and opportunities the industry sector partnership or sector partnership network creates for workforce development activities;

(4) Any other activity the director has approved in rules adopted under division (E) of this section.

(D) The director shall do both of the following:

(1) Establish a system for evaluating and scoring grant applications, which prioritizes collaborative community-based solutions, including sector partnership networks;

(2) Award a grant to an industry sector partnership or a sector partnership network that submits a complete application for funding describing the activities in division (C) of this section the partnership or network will use the funds to support and meets the scoring criteria established under division (D)(1) of this section.

(E) The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as the director considers necessary to administer the grant program.

Sec. 122.1710. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Low-income individual" has the same meaning as "low-income person" in section 122.66 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Microcredential" has the same meaning as in section 122.178 of the Revised Code.

(3) "OhioMeansJobs web site" has the same meaning as in section 6301.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Partially unemployed" and "totally unemployed" have the same meanings as in section 4141.01 of the Revised Code.

(5) "Training provider" means all of the following:

(a) A state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code;

(b) An Ohio technical center as defined in section 3333.94 of the Revised Code;

(c) A private business or institution that offers training to allow an individual to earn one or more microcredentials.

(B) There is hereby created the individual microcredential assistance program to reimburse training providers for training costs for individuals to earn a microcredential. The development services agency, in consultation with the governor's office of workforce transformation, shall administer the program.

(C) A training provider seeking to participate in the program shall submit an application to the director of development services. The training provider shall include in the application all of the following information:

(1) The number of microcredentials the training provider will seek a reimbursement for and the names of the microcredentials;

(2) The cost of the training for each microcredential;

(3) The total amount of the reimbursement the training provider will seek;

(4) The training provider's plan to provide opportunities for individuals who are low income, partially unemployed, or totally unemployed to participate in a training program and receive a microcredential;

(5) Any other information the director requires.

(D)(1) The director shall consider the following factors in determining whether to approve an application submitted under division (C) of this section:

(a) The duration of the training program;

(b) The cost of the training;

(c) Whether approving an application will promote regional diversity in apportioning reimbursements uniformly across the state;

(d) The training provider's commitment to providing opportunities for individuals who are low income, partially unemployed, or totally unemployed to participate in a training program and receive a microcredential.

(2) In determining regional diversity under division (D)(1)(c) of this section, the director shall use the regions established under division (G) of section 122.178 of the Revised Code.

(3) The director shall not approve an application submitted under this section if either of the following apply:

(a) The microcredentials identified in the application are not included in the list the chancellor of higher education establishes under section 122.178 of the Revised Code.

(b) The training provider has violated Chapter 4111. of the Revised Code within the four fiscal years immediately preceding the date of application.

(4) The director shall notify a training provider in writing of the director's decision to approve or deny the training provider's application to participate in the program.

(E) A participating training provider shall not charge an individual participating in a training program to earn a microcredential for which the training provider is seeking a reimbursement for either of the following:

(1) Any costs associated with the individual's participation in the training program;

(2) Any costs to the training provider resulting from an individual not completing the training program.

(F)(1) Each participating training provider seeking reimbursement for training costs for one or more microcredentials earned by one or more individuals in a training program shall submit an application to the director after the individual or individuals have earned a microcredential. The training provider shall include in the reimbursement application all of the following information:

(a) The actual cost for the training provider to provide each individual with the training;

(b) Evidence that each individual earned a microcredential;

(c) Any demographic information of each individual that the individual provides to the training provider, including race and gender.

(2) The amount of the reimbursement shall be not more than three thousand dollars for each microcredential an individual receives. A participating training provider may not receive a reimbursement for any additional individual who earns a microcredential beyond the number of microcredentials included in the application under division (C) of this section. A participating training provider may receive a total reimbursement of two hundred fifty thousand dollars in a fiscal year.

(3) A training provider may request that an individual participating in the training provider's program provide demographic information to the training provider, including race and gender. An individual is not required to provide that information.

(G) The director shall do both of the following regarding the operation of the program:

(1) Create an application to participate in the program

and an application for reimbursement;

(2) Create and distribute a survey to each individual who successfully earned a microcredential because of a reimbursement to a training provider under this section inquiring as to the individual's occupation and wages at the time of completing the survey.

(H) The director shall include on the internet web site maintained by the development services agency, and the governor's office of workforce transformation shall include on the office's internet web site and the OhioMeansJobs web site, all of the content created under division (G) of this section.

(I) The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as the director considers necessary to implement this section, including establishing priority guidelines for approving applications under division (D) of this section.

(J) Any personal information of an individual the director receives in connection with the individual microcredential assistance program created under this section is not a public record for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. However, the director may use the information as necessary to complete the reports required under section 122.1711 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 122.1711. (A) Beginning on the first day of August immediately following the effective date of this section, and every August first thereafter, the director of development services shall submit to the general assembly a written report that compiles and includes information required in this section regarding the programs created under sections 122.178, 122.179, and 122.1710 of the Revised Code.

(1) For the TechCred program created under section 122.178 of the Revised Code, the director shall include in the report required under division (A) of this section all of the following information:

(a) The average per cent rate change of wages during the previous year, if any, for prospective or incumbent employees who earned a microcredential categorized by microcredentials earned in each region and statewide;

(b) The average per cent rate change of wages during the previous years, if any, for prospective or incumbent employees who earned a microcredential categorized by the region in which employees reside and statewide;

(c) The average annual wages paid to positions for which holding a microcredential or having the occupational skills acquired through obtaining a microcredential is required, categorized by each region and statewide;

(d) The rate of change during the previous year of unemployment categorized by each region and statewide;

(e) A list of the microcredentials established by the chancellor of higher education under section 122.178 of the Revised Code categorized by each region and statewide;

(f) A demographic analysis of employees who earned a microcredential under the TechCred program based on the race and gender of each employee;

(g) A demographic analysis of employers who received a reimbursement through the TechCred program based on the race and gender of each employer;

(h) Any other information the director wishes to include.

(2) For the individual microcredential assistance program created under section 122.1710 of the Revised Code, the director shall include in the report required under division (A) of this section all of the following information:

(a) The information required under divisions (A)(1)(a) to (c) of this section, except that the information shall represent the individuals who successfully earned a microcredential because of a reimbursement to a training provider under the individual microcredential assistance program;

(b) A demographic analysis of individuals who earned a microcredential under the individual microcredential assistance program based on the race and gender of each individual;

(c) An analysis of the results of the surveys the director distributed under division (G) of section 122.1710 of the Revised Code categorized by each region and statewide;

(d) The rate of completion for each approved microcredential categorized by region and statewide;

(e) Any other information the director wishes to include.

(3) For the grant program to support industry sector partnerships and sector partnership networks created under section 122.179 of the Revised Code, the director shall include in the report required under division (A) of this section all of the following information:

(a) A list, categorized by region and statewide, of each industry sector partnership and sector partnership network to which a grant was awarded under section 122.179 of the Revised Code;

(b) A list detailing the member composition of each industry sector partnership and sector partnership network to which a grant was awarded under section 122.179 of the Revised Code, including each employer and representative of an industry cluster;

(c) Information regarding the activities described in division (C) of section 122.179 of the Revised Code for which industry sector partnerships and sector partnership networks used grants awarded under that section.

(B) In reporting on regional information under this section, the director shall use the regions established under section 122.178 of the Revised Code.

(C) The director shall include in the report under division (A) of this section any information the director receives under division (C)(2)(b), (c), or (d) of section 122.178 of the Revised Code or division (F)(1)(c) of section 122.1710 of the Revised Code.

(D) The director shall market the programs created under sections 122.178, 122.179, and 122.1710 of the Revised Code.

Section 2. That Sections 259.10, 259.20, and 259.30 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 259.10.

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A		DEV DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY		

B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	195402	Coal Research and Development Program	$ 227,368	$ 227,368
D	GRF	195405	Minority Business Development	$ 1,696,358	$ 1,696,358
E	GRF	195415	Business Development Services	$ 2,102,021	$ 2,149,281
F	GRF	195426	Redevelopment Assistance	$ 1,067,000	$ 1,067,000
G	GRF	195453	Technology Programs and Grants	$ 2,040,056	$ 2,096,400
H	GRF	195454	Small Business and Export Assistance	$ 3,057,174	$ 3,057,174
I	GRF	195455	Appalachia Assistance	$ 14,991,465	$ 15,000,000
J	GRF	195497	CDBG Operating Match	$ 1,092,138	$ 1,125,000
K	GRF	195499	BSD Federal Programs Match	$ 13,148,022	$ 12,976,894
L	GRF	195501	iBELIEVE	$ 200,000	$ 200,000
M	GRF	195503	Local Development Projects	$ 2,373,000	$ 825,000

N	GRF	195520	Ohio Main Street Program	$ 500,000	$ 0
O	GRF	195537	Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative	$ 250,000	$ 250,000
P	GRF	195553	~~Industry~~ Sector ~~Partnerships~~Partnership Networks	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000
Q	GRF	195556	TechCred Program	$ 9,400,000	$ 7,950,000
R	GRF	195901	Coal Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service	$ 8,123,100	$ 7,682,600
S	GRF	195905	Third Frontier Research and Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service	$ 84,181,400	$ 87,403,000
T	GRF	195912	Job Ready Site Development General Obligation Bond Debt Service	$ 15,516,000	$ 9,879,900
U	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund			$ 162,465,102	$ 156,085,975
V	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				

W	4500	195624	Minority Business Bonding Program Administration	$ 74,905	$ 74,905
X	4510	195649	Business Assistance Programs	$ 4,000,000	$ 4,000,000
Y	4F20	195639	State Special Projects	$ 102,104	$ 102,104
Z	4F20	195699	Utility Community Assistance	$ 500,000	$ 500,000
AA	4W10	195646	Minority Business Enterprise Loan	$ 4,000,000	$ 4,000,000
AB	5HR0	195606	TechCred Program	$ 5,600,000	$ 7,050,000
AC	5HR0	195622	Defense Development Assistance	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000
AD	5JR0	195635	Tax Incentives Operating	$ 800,000	$ 800,000
AE	5KP0	195645	Historic Rehabilitation Operating	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000
AF	5M40	195659	Low Income Energy Assistance (USF)	$ 349,944,742	$ 350,000,000
AG	5M50	195660	Advanced Energy Loan Programs	$ 10,000,000	$ 10,000,000

AH	5MH0	195644	SiteOhio Administration	$ 2,500	$ 2,500
AI	5MJ0	195683	TourismOhio Administration	$ 10,000,000	$ 10,000,000
AJ	5UL0	195627	Brownfields Revolving Loan Program	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000
AK	5UY0	195496	Sports Events Grants	$ 5,000,000	$ 0
AL	5W60	195691	International Trade Cooperative Projects	$ 18,000	$ 18,000
AM	6170	195654	Volume Cap Administration	$ 32,562	$ 32,562
AN	6460	195638	Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Programs	$ 55,250,000	$ 55,250,000
AO	M087	195435	Biomedical Research and Technology Transfer	$ 500,000	$ 500,000
AP	TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			$ 450,324,813	$ 446,830,071
AQ	Internal Service Activity Fund Group				
AR	1350	195684	Development	$ 11,686,861	$ 12,000,000

			Services Operations		
AS	6850	195636	Development Services Reimbursable Expenditures	$ 125,000	$ 125,000
AT	TOTAL ISA Internal Service Activity Fund Group			$ 11,811,861	$ 12,125,000
AU	Facilities Establishment Fund Group				
AV	4Z60	195647	Rural Industrial Park Loan	$ 25,000,000	$ 0
AW	5S90	195628	Capital Access Loan Program	$ 2,500,000	$ 2,500,000
AX	7009	195664	Innovation Ohio	$ 5,200,000	$ 4,800,000
AY	7010	195665	Research and Development	$ 5,000,000	$ 5,000,000
AZ	7037	195615	Facilities Establishment	$ 25,000,000	$ 25,000,000
BA	TOTAL FCE Facilities Establishment Fund Group			$ 62,700,000	$ 37,300,000
BB	Bond Research and Development Fund Group				
BC	7011	195686	Third Frontier Tax Exempt - Operating	$ 750,000	$ 750,000

BD 7011	195687	Third Frontier Research and Development Projects	$ 21,000,000	$ 21,000,000
BE 7014	195620	Third Frontier Taxable - Operating	$ 1,710,000	$ 1,710,000
BF 7014	195692	Research and Development Taxable Bond Projects	$ 90,850,250	$ 90,850,250
BG	TOTAL BRD Bond Research and Development Fund Group		$ 114,310,250	$ 114,310,250
BH	Federal Fund Group			
BI 3080	195603	Housing Assistance Programs	$ 12,000,000	$ 12,000,000
BJ 3080	195609	Small Business Administration Grants	$ 5,271,381	$ 5,271,381
BK 3080	195618	Energy Grants	$ 4,000,000	$ 4,000,000
BL 3080	195670	Home Weatherization Program	$ 20,000,000	$ 20,000,000
BM 3080	195671	Brownfield Redevelopment	$ 2,000,000	$ 2,000,000
BN 3080	195672	Manufacturing Extension	$ 6,300,000	$ 6,300,000

		Partnership		
BO 3080	195675	Procurement Technical Assistance	$ 750,000	$ 750,000
BP 3080	195696	State Trade and Export Promotion	$ 1,000,000	$ 1,000,000
BQ 3350	195610	Energy Programs	$ 345,382	$ 350,000
BR 3AE0	195643	Workforce Development Initiatives	$ 800,000	$ 800,000
BS 3FJ0	195626	Small Business Capital Access and Collateral Enhancement Program	$ 7,996,645	$ 8,000,000
BT 3FJ0	195661	Technology Targeted Investment Program	$ 2,260,953	$ 2,260,953
BU 3K80	195613	Community Development Block Grant	$ 60,000,000	$ 60,000,000
BV 3K90	195611	Home Energy Assistance Block Grant	$ 164,914,571	$ 165,000,000
BW 3K90	195614	HEAP Weatherization	$ 34,989,189	$ 35,000,000
BX 3L00	195612	Community Services	$ 28,000,000	$ 28,000,000

			Block Grant			
BY	3V10	195601	HOME Program	$ 34,979,280		$ 35,000,000
BZ	TOTAL FED		Federal Fund Group	$ 385,607,401		$ 385,732,334
CA	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			$ 1,187,219,427		$ 1,152,383,630

Sec. 259.20. COAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 195402, Coal Research and Development Program, shall be used for the operating expenses of the Community Services Division in support of the Ohio Coal Development Office.

MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The foregoing appropriation item 195405, Minority Business Development, shall be used to support the activities of the Minority Business Development Division, including providing grants to local nonprofit organizations to support economic development activities that promote minority business development, in conjunction with local organizations funded through appropriation item 195454, Small Business and Export Assistance.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The foregoing appropriation item 195415, Business Development Services, shall be used for the operating expenses of the Office of Strategic Business Investments and the regional economic development offices.

REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The foregoing appropriation item 195426, Redevelopment

Assistance, shall be used to fund the costs of administering the energy, redevelopment, and other revitalization programs that may be implemented by the Development Services Agency, and may be used to match federal grant funding.

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS AND GRANTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195453, Technology Programs and Grants, $1,843,656 in fiscal year 2020 and $1,900,000 in fiscal year 2021 shall be used for operating expenses incurred in administering the Ohio Third Frontier Programs and other technology focused programs that may be implemented by the Development Services Agency.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195453, Technology Programs and Grants, $196,400 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Edison Welding Institute, Inc., to support the Aerospace Maintenance Repair and Overhaul - Center of Excellence Project.

SMALL BUSINESS AND EXPORT ASSISTANCE

The foregoing appropriation item 195454, Small Business and Export Assistance, may be used to provide a range of business assistance, including grants to local organizations to support economic development activities that promote small business development, entrepreneurship, and exports of Ohio's goods and services, in conjunction with local organizations funded through appropriation item 195405, Minority Business Development. The foregoing appropriation item shall also be used as matching funds for grants from the United States Small Business Administration and other federal agencies, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 96-302 as amended by Pub. L. No. 98-395, and regulations and policy guidelines for the programs pursuant thereto.

APPALACHIA ASSISTANCE

The foregoing GRF appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, may be used for the administrative costs of planning and liaison activities for the Governor's Office of Appalachia, to provide financial assistance to projects in Ohio's Appalachian counties, to support four local development districts, and to pay dues for the Appalachian Regional Commission. These funds may be used to match federal funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission. Programs funded through the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, shall be identified and recommended by the local development districts and approved by the Governor's Office of Appalachia. The Development Services Agency shall conduct compliance and regulatory review of the programs recommended by the local development districts. Moneys allocated under the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, may be used to fund projects including, but not limited to, those designated by the local development districts as community investment and rapid response projects.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, in each fiscal year, $170,000 shall be allocated to the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, $170,000 shall be allocated to the Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association, $170,000 shall be allocated to the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District, and $70,000 shall be allocated to the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Local development districts receiving funding under this section shall use the funds for the implementation and administration of programs and duties under section 107.21 of the Revised Code.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, up to $4,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the GRIT Project for operational costs and to provide virtual job training, virtual job centers, and related training and services consistent with the mission of the GRIT Project for high school students and adults residing in Adams, Brown, Highland, Pike, or Scioto counties.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195455, Appalachia Assistance, $5,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.

CDBG OPERATING MATCH

The foregoing appropriation item 195497, CDBG Operating Match, shall be used as matching funds for grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and regulations and policy guidelines for the programs pursuant thereto.

BSD FEDERAL PROGRAMS MATCH

The foregoing appropriation item 195499, BSD Federal Programs Match, shall be used as matching funds for grants from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program and Defense Logistics Agency Procurement Technical Assistance Program, and other federal agencies, pursuant to Pub. L. No. 96-302 as amended by Pub. L. No. 98-395, and regulations and policy guidelines for the programs pursuant thereto. The foregoing appropriation item 195499, BSD Federal Programs Match, shall also be used for operating expenses of the Business Services Division.

iBELIEVE

The foregoing appropriation item 195501, iBELIEVE, shall be allocated to the iBELIEVE Foundation to provide opportunities for Appalachian youth to develop twenty-first century skills, including leadership, communication, and problem-solving for college access and retention.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, $1,000,000 shall be used in fiscal year 2020 to provide matching funding for the National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining in partnership with either the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Department of Energy to further economic opportunity at America Makes, the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, $300,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Commission to support the Camp James A. Garfield Joint Military Training Center and the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, $250,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to Cleveland Neighborhood Progress to support the Cleveland Chain Reaction Project.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, $150,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to the Stark County Minority Business Association to work in partnership with the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce to support a demonstration pilot project.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, $125,000 in each fiscal year shall be allocated to BioEnterprise Corporation.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, $325,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be allocated to the Euclid Shore Cultural Center for window replacement.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, $150,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be allocated to the Euclid YMCA for asbestos removal.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, $58,000 in fiscal year 2020 shall be allocated to the City of Maple Heights to support the Maple Heights Aquatic Facility Project.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, $15,000 shall be allocated in fiscal year 2020, to the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati to support workforce development costs involved with assisting in employment services for the financially indigent.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Development Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of appropriation item 195503, Local Development Projects, to be reappropriated in fiscal year 2021. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the appropriation item in fiscal year 2021 for the same purpose.

OHIO MAIN STREET PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 195520, Ohio Main Street Program, shall be allocated to Heritage Ohio to support the Ohio Main Street Program.

OHIO-ISRAEL AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVE

The foregoing appropriation item 195537, Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative, shall be used for the Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative. The appropriation shall not be used for travel and entertainment expenses incurred under the initiative.

SECTOR PARTNERSHIP NETWORKS

The foregoing appropriation item 195553, Sector Partnership Networks, shall be used for the grant program described in section 122.179 of the Revised Code.

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Development Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the fiscal year 2020 appropriation to the foregoing appropriation item. The certified amount is hereby reappropriated to the foregoing appropriation item in fiscal year 2021.

TECHCRED PROGRAM

~~The foregoing appropriation item 195556, TechCred Program, shall be used for the TechCred Program.~~

(A) The foregoing GRF appropriation item 195556, TechCred Program, shall be used in conjunction with Fund 5HR0 appropriation item 195606, TechCred Program, such that the combined appropriations for the appropriation items in the biennium ending June 30, 2021, are to be used as described in divisions (B) to (E) of this section.

(B) A total of $12,300,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the TechCred Program as described in section 122.178 of the Revised Code, provided that:

(1) Not more than $4,100,000 in each fiscal year may be awarded to businesses with 50 or fewer employees;

(2) Not more than $4,100,000 in each fiscal year may be awarded to businesses with between 51 and 200 employees; and

(3) Not more than $4,100,000 in each fiscal year may be awarded to businesses with 201 or more employees.

(C) In each year of the biennium ending June 30, 2021, if $4,100,000 in scheduled reimbursements have been approved using funding allocated under one or two of the funding tiers in divisions (B)(1), (2), or (3) of this section and less than $4,100,000 in scheduled reimbursements have been approved under one or two of the other funding tiers, the Director of Development Services may request Controlling Board approval to reallocate unused portions to other funding tiers.

(D) A total of $2,500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the Individual Microcredential Assistance Program as described in section 122.1710 of the Revised Code.

(E) A total of $200,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for marketing the workforce development programs offered by the Development Services Agency as described in section 122.1711 of the Revised Code.

(F) On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Development Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the unexpended, unencumbered balance of the fiscal year 2020 appropriations to the foregoing appropriation items 195556 and 195606. The certified amounts are hereby reappropriated in fiscal year 2021, provided that the reappropriated amounts are allocated for the purposes set forth in divisions (A), (B)(1), (2), (3), (C), (D), and (E) of this section.

Sec. 259.30. MINORITY BUSINESS BONDING FUND

Notwithstanding Chapters 122., 169., and 175. of the Revised Code, the Director of Development Services may, upon the recommendation of the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board, pledge up to $10,000,000 in the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium of unclaimed funds administered by the Director of Commerce and allocated to the Minority Business Bonding Program under section 169.05 of the Revised Code.

If needed for the payment of losses arising from the Minority Business Bonding Program, the Director of Budget and Management may, at the request of the Director of Development Services, request that the Director of Commerce transfer unclaimed funds that have been reported by holders of unclaimed funds under section 169.05 of the Revised Code to the Minority Bonding Fund (Fund 4490). The transfer of unclaimed funds shall only occur after proceeds of the initial transfer of $2,700,000 by the Controlling Board to the Minority Business Bonding Program have been used for that purpose. If expenditures are required for payment of losses arising from the Minority Business Bonding Program, such expenditures shall be made from appropriation item 195658, Minority Business Bonding Contingency in the Minority Business Bonding Fund, and such amounts are hereby appropriated.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The foregoing appropriation item 195649, Business Assistance Programs, shall be used for administrative expenses associated with the operation of loan incentives within the Office of Strategic Business Investments.

STATE SPECIAL PROJECTS

The State Special Projects Fund (Fund 4F20), may be used for the deposit of private-sector funds from utility companies and for the deposit of other miscellaneous state funds. State moneys so deposited may also be used to match federal funding and to support programs of the Community Service Division.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN

The foregoing appropriation item 195646, Minority Business Enterprise Loan, shall be used for awards under the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Program and to cover operating expenses of the Minority Business Development Division. All repayments from the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board Loan Program shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10).

TECHCRED PROGRAM

The foregoing appropriation item 195606, TechCred Program, shall be used in conjunction with GRF appropriation item 195556, TechCred Program~~, to support the TechCred Program~~ as described in Section 259.20 of this act.

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer $5,600,000 cash from the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0) to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training Fund (Fund 5HR0).

On July 1, 2020, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Budget and Management shall transfer $7,050,000 cash from the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0) to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training Fund (Fund 5HR0).

DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

The foregoing appropriation item 195622, Defense Development Assistance, shall be allocated to Development Projects, Inc., for economic development programs and the creation of new jobs to leverage and support mission gains at Department of Defense and related facilities in Ohio by working with future base realignment and closure activities and ongoing Department of Defense efficiency and partnership initiatives, assisting efforts to secure Department of Defense support contracts for Ohio companies, assessing and supporting regional job training and workforce development needs generated by the Department of Defense and the Ohio aerospace industry, promoting technology transfer to Ohio businesses, and for expanding job training and economic development programs in human performance and cyber security related initiatives.

ADVANCED ENERGY LOAN PROGRAMS

The foregoing appropriation item 195660, Advanced Energy Loan Programs, shall be used to provide financial assistance to customers for eligible advanced energy projects for residential, commercial, and industrial business, local government, educational institution, nonprofit, and agriculture customers. The appropriation item may be used to match federal grant funding and to pay for the program's administrative costs as provided in sections 4928.61 to 4928.63 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the Director of Development Services.

SPORTS EVENT GRANTS

The foregoing appropriation item 195496, Sports Event Grants, shall be used for grants as described in sections 122.12 and 122.121 of the Revised Code.

SPORTS EVENT GRANTS REAPPROPRIATION

On July 1, 2019, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Director of Development Services shall certify to the Director of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, unencumbered balance of appropriation item 195496, Sports Event Grants, to be reappropriated in fiscal year 2020. The amount certified is hereby reappropriated to the appropriation item in fiscal year 2020 for the same purpose.

VOLUME CAP ADMINISTRATION

The foregoing appropriation item 195654, Volume Cap Administration, shall be used for expenses related to the administration of the Volume Cap Program. Revenues received by the Volume Cap Administration Fund (Fund 6170) shall consist of application fees, forfeited deposits, and interest earned from the custodial account held by the Treasurer of State.

Section 3. That existing Sections 259.10, 259.20, and 259.30 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly are hereby repealed.